

Oceanport, New Jersey
July 21, 1932

Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr.
1900 S. College Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Wright:

The burden of anxiety I have carried for the past few weeks in regard to the presidency of Wilberforce University has been lifted by your consent to come in and serve as acting president. After our many heart to heart talks and repeated conferences as well as the fine, high moments I had with Major R. A. Wright, your father, earnestly conferring over this proposal, I felt you would respond to our call and also see the grasp what is perhaps one of the most appealing posts of service, not only in our church, but in our race at this time.

Every member of the Executive Board of Wilberforce University has given whole-hearted approval of your selection as Acting President which communications you have already received and read. May God deliver us all from politics, prejudice and narrow-minded action in an hour that calls for broad and high-minded action and vision. The Chairman and members of the Executive Board of Wilberforce University have selected you to act as President of Wilberforce University until the next meeting of the trustees when we feel sure that your selection will be unanimously approved, if you will then accept. You will be expected to perform all the functions usually performed by the president of Wilberforce University and to begin at once.

We are availing ourselves of your administrative capacity and business ability to assist us in putting Wilberforce once more on the highway of financial safety and academic influence. Like Julius Caesar, all through the years, you have been able to do many things at the same time and do them all well. So you will see to it that the Christian Recorder shall not suffer for lack of your editorial supervision while Wilberforce is receiving the administrative attention you are so fully competent to give.

May God give us each length of fruitful days that we may together report Wilberforce to the Trustee Board next June soundly healed from wounds inflicted both from within and from without and crowned with faith out of our rebirth of spirit to serve the church and race more influentially than she has ever done before through the long years of her eventful history.

Faithfully and sincerely yours,

Reverdy C. Ransom
Pres. Board of Trustees
Wilberforce University.