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I have twice visited him since the war, and am fully satisfied that he has acted a manly part. If the Rules of your College admit of the Conferring of the Degree of Doctor of Law on him, I offer to stand guarantor, and pledge my faith that <sup>the degree,</sup> it will not be unworthily bestowed.

Though once a Rebel, he now breathes no sentiment but what is consistent with our National honor, and which many are proposing, he is practicing what cannot but redound to the Good Cause of Universal Education, & consequent Unity of our Great Country. Wm. Sherman  
with great respect &c. General

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Headquarters Army of the United States.

Washington, D.C. June 22 1871

Rev. Chas. A. Coker, D.D.

Pres. Union Coll. N.Y.  
Dear Sir,

I enclose you herewith a letter of April 27, from Rev. Henry A. Strong, of Baton Rouge La. which only reached me yesterday, by reason of my absence on the South Western frontier.

It may be that your relations with Mr Strong have prepared you for this request. Also I should have great delicacy in seconding his request. I

think I know & appreciate  
the character of Col David F.  
Boyd, now President of the  
University of Louisiana, and  
without hesitation I recommend  
him as in any way worthy  
of any honor you can with  
propriety bestow. When I  
occupied his place in 1860  
he was Professor of Ancient  
Languages under me, - a  
modest gentleman, of great  
industry & application, and  
enthusiast in teaching, of the  
nicest sense of honor and  
propriety, excellent habits  
and morals, and a thorough  
scholar. The Great Civil  
war scattered us all for

a time, and cast me up as  
a leader in the Union Army,  
but Boyd a Virginia naturalist  
fell into the opposite  
party & current, became  
a Major of Engineers in the  
Rebel Army, and once took  
him for <sup>me</sup> prisoner, full into my  
hands as a Prisoner of  
war. I treated him  
of course with extreme  
kindness and received for  
him then the assurance  
that if their Cause failed  
he would return to Louisiana,  
and revive our old College  
in which <sup>he</sup> felt an intense  
interest. He has acted  
fully up to that promise  
ever since.