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Robert E. Lee and John Campbell (letter of  
recommendation for William Mynn Thornton)

Robert E. Lee

John Campbell

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Washington College  
Lexington Va. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 1868

I have known Mr. Wm. Myron Thornton  
for several years. He is the son of a  
most respectable widow lady residing  
in this place, and is related to several  
of the best families in Virginia. As  
a student in this institution, some time  
ago, and recently as clerk & salesman  
in one of our well regulated Mercantile  
houses, his deportment was gentlemanly,  
polite & accommodating; and I know  
of nothing in the way of his making  
a very successful business man, or an  
efficient agent in transacting business  
for others.

John S. Campbell  
Prof. of Chem. &c.

(over)

Although not personally acquainted  
with Mr. Wm. Thornton, I have known  
his mother for several years, & know  
that he is related to some of the most  
respectable families in Virginia; and  
from my knowledge of Prof. John  
L. Campbell can say that impli-  
cit Confidence can be placed in  
his statement

J. L. C.

Lexington Va: 20th Nov 1868