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Box 1

Institution for the Deaf & Dumb  
New York Dec 18. 1838

Mr. E. M. Gallaudet  
Dear Sir,

I have the  
pleasure to acknowledge the  
receipt of your favor of the  
15<sup>th</sup> inst enclosing a draft  
on this City of \$28<sup>43</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
which has been paid to the  
credit of your account and on  
you should be receipted.

If I can serve you  
at any future time, I beg  
you will feel at liberty to  
command my services.

The pamphlets were  
duly received and distributed  
among our teachers. A copy

creditable address

Truly Yours

A. J. Post

A. C. Inot for Deaf & Dumb &  
The Blind - Cedar Spring Asylum  
March 20<sup>th</sup> 1838

E. M. Gallaudett Esq  
Kin Col. Inot for  
Deaf & Dumb & the Blind

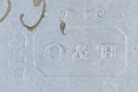
Dear Sir

Your letter of  
last November would have been  
answered long ago except I was  
waiting on the "State Printers" for  
our reports. I am sorry to say  
these reports have not yet been  
received from the office.

I assure you it will afford  
me much pleasure to send you  
a copy as soon as received, as  
well to correspond on any subject  
pertaining to the welfare of those  
for whom we labor

Very truly yours

N. P. Walker



Institution for the Deaf & Dumb,  
Danville Ky. March 30, 1858.

Mr E. M. Gallaudet:

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Dec. 25 reached me when my health was very bad: after I became able to attend to business, pressing engagements, occupied my attention & have continued to do so until now.

I send you two or three of <sup>our</sup> Reports, which is all I can supply you with.

I cannot answer all your questions - but will reply to those that I can.

1. The amount of land granted the Institution by Congress, was one township.
2. I could not tell what amount has been realized from the sale of the land without a long & laborious investigation, as ~~the~~ the books are not in my hand.
3. As to the annual income yielded by the sale of the lands, there is scarcely any - the lands were unfortunately sold - the collections were unfortunally - a large amount was lost by an agent, & under the impression at an early day, that we should have a large income, we voluntarily relinquished a portion of the allowance made by the State, so that the greater part of the remainder has been expended in sustaining the Institution for many years, & in erecting its buildings.
4. The appropriations made by the State have <sup>been</sup> twenty

three thousand, five hundred dollars for buildings -  
One hundred & fifty dollars a year for a number of  
years for each indigent pupil, afterwards reduced  
to one hundred and twenty, & at present one hundred  
and forty dollars a year for every pupil from  
Kentucky, besides \$3200 annually for the general  
support of the Institution.

5. Our grounds embrace forty eight acres. We have  
acres in garden - about ~~twelve~~ or fifteen in culture,  
& the balance in pasture.

6. The cost of boarding (tuition being gratis) to pay  
is one hundred and five dollars - physician, & ~~less~~ <sup>less</sup> than  
dollars per ann. - books, & stationery two - clothing  
twenty five.

I am sorry to have been so long in reply.  
Please my warm and affectionate respects  
your mother, ~~at~~ <sup>at the first</sup> opportunity. I should  
glad to receive a report from your Institution,  
as I am not informed how it was established  
by whom supported.

I am very truly yours  
J. A. Jacobs

P.S. I observe I have overlooked one question. I  
buildings <sup>& grounds</sup> have cost over seventy thousand dollars, &  
will accommodate one hundred & fifty pupils.

New York April 15<sup>th</sup> /58

Respected Sir

I have invented a new writing slate for the Blind by which they are enabled to mark down with ease and rapidity their own and others thoughts. Thirty Blind persons under my charge, are using it daily and find it an invaluable assistant in retaining lessons, and writing down lectures from the mouth of the speaker. The character (which differs entirely from those in common use) being legible even to the most obtuse touch enables the composer to review at any future period his own productions and so may correct his style or Orthography. A notice of the above slate and system will be found in the report of the Managers of the New York Institution for the Blind for the year 1857. My slates are offered to the various Institutions at \$2.50 each, no orders received under \$15.00 Money Prepaid

Yours Respy  
 Rev Adam Mc Clelland

P.S.

I have also invented a Geometry Board primarily intended for the Blind but which in the opinion of my Mathematical friends is well adapted to all persons whatever superseding even the Black Board Price \$10.00

A Mc Clelland



Waco Tex June 17 1857  
 Mr Gallaudet  
 Sir

Having understood that you are principal of a Deaf Institution in Washington City. I have taken this method of requesting from you a statement of terms & everything necessary to be known by any person entering a pupil. I have a Deaf son now about 11 years old to be educated at some one of the Deaf Institutions of the country & I wish to place him when in case of Deafness &c I may hear from to be present with him at the least possible delay. Will you be so kind as to respond the inquiring above & you will confer a favor Very Res<sup>ly</sup>

Yours obed<sup>t</sup>  
 William Taylor

Happy to receive  
 moderate you in  
 any way, &  
 am truly yours  
 S. J. Nowell.

Int. for the Blind  
 July 21. 50  
 Dear Sir,  
 Mr. Parke has  
 just handed me your  
 letter of the 19<sup>th</sup>.  
 We can scarcely supply  
 the books which you  
 name, but I assure  
 you that we may  
 not be able to meet  
 your views about a  
 cheap map of the  
 U. States. Those  
 which we usually

preparation & which  
long experience  
teachers in are  
cheap, & the only  
really cheap ones  
cost from 50 to  
60¢.

The principal  
cost is in the  
map, frame &  
outline of land  
in water: after  
that nothing

in more or less  
of details makes  
little difference  
in cost.

We do not  
cost any order,  
for maps, but  
we cannot under  
take to make  
any that will do  
this credit to the  
North-Map.  
I shall be

37.

Easton August 16<sup>th</sup> 1858

Dear sir

As I have not the pleasure of being known to you you will excuse me for the liberty I take to address this to you but it is from being under necessity which prompts me to do so. I am seeking a lighter situation which will agree with me. The carpenter's trade which I am following hurts me and has a tendency to break down the health of any one having not a stout condition. Do you want any more assistant? If so I would be very glad to become an assistant of yours if it will suit me well. If you require some recommendation of my character and accomplishments I can get you best recommendations from Ex-governor Reeder, Judge Porter, Judge Maxwell and some of the best men of this place with whom I am happy to have got acquainted and also from Mr Hutton the principal of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and my beloved teacher Mr Robert F. Evans. I completed my education 12 years ago. I have some knowledge of useful branches of study which I hope may qualify me well to become a teacher. I suppose I need not dwell on my knowledge. I should be willing to be tried for a short time if you wish. If you wish to have a personal conversation with me I will come to your national city and see you

My wife was educated at Hartford. She was well acquainted with your mother. Her maiden name was Miss Sarah Allen. Once her mother carried one of your mother's children to Church to be baptized. My wife sends her kind regards to you and your mother.

I will close this hoping that I will be favoured with  
an immediate answer from you

Respectfully yours

John Bennet

Direct your letter to  
Easton Penna.

Mr Gallaudet

Dear Sir

I ship you those  
sheaf to day in good order and condition  
there is 83 in the Bbl 200 lb you will  
find them to be very nice I ship  
them by Steamer from New York as they  
say that is the best route you had better  
open them as soon as received and see  
that the Brine is all right

You can  
send a check on N.Y. if convenient  
hoping she will reach you in good  
order remain your  
truly

Yours Com Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 58

P W Champin  
Yours  
Com

To E M Gallaudet  
Care of N Dumb Post  
Washington  
D.C.

Easton Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1858

Dear Sir

Your answer was received last Friday with gladness and for it I thank you. With gladness I will accept the offer that you made in your letter if you establish shops at the Institution and if it suit me well, I used to be a cabinet maker and I think that trade and Carpenters together may be desirable there. Doors, sashes, blinds if made there may be more saleable. If you appoint me as a master of your shops I will do that business faithfully and make myself instructive to your pupils if you should desire it for I have always been interested in the instruction of the Deaf and dumb. As I regard the expenses of necessaries of life I would be satisfied with \$500 a year if house rent in your national city is so high. I have a wife and two children to support. Please let me know whether it will suit you or not and when you would want me.

Yours Very Respectfully  
John Bennet

Woodstock Va. Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 1858.

Hon. Amos Hurdall.

Sir: Let me be well introduced by a friend of mine, Hon. John Letcher in my next letter to enclose you, this, for information, since I received a letter from him in Lexington, Va., last week, by request to have this in his certificate for me. "in good regard for information of my qualification as Teacher in the D.C. Institution; after I wrote Mr Letcher by request, to make good letter of recommendation to the Board of the Va. Institution, & the Principal, <sup>in Staunton;</sup> he granted it for me in his reference & also other friends Judge G. B. Samuels, & Capt. S. C. Williams, all he could.

If should they not have declined an employment with me, when we hear from there yet, He would rather see you about it for me, when he returns to Congress, which will be opened in 2 or 3 months. I will have time enough for that, to wait & hear from you, afterward.

Please, Don't write in answer now to him or me, until you hear from him, then.

I have been well educated in the Pa. Institution in Phil<sup>del</sup> at the corner of Broad & Pine Streets, from 1827 to '32. for 6 years, in my long study, <sup>which</sup> that I always enjoyed there much myself. I then learned the trade, of printing, after having finished my study, & that I used to teach D & Dumb in that Institute with Mr. A. B. Hutton, Principal of that Institute.



time for assistance a half year before I was about leaving  
there good bye: in my address "Farewell" to the D. & D.  
then after having become well acquainted with the  
art of printing (in example of Dr. Franklin) for  
8 years - here; in Wheeling Va; & in Winchester, when  
I got home from Phil<sup>a</sup>. I stayed long here - with many  
friends in care - since -

I have declined the printing business that I was not agree  
with me, on account of Rheumatism, which I had  
been confined to bed for 2 years from 1855 to 1856, while  
Physicians visited me, and that my servant helped  
to rub the whole with me with the British Oil, Higgins  
Liment, & the Electric oil - and that I <sup>was</sup> raised to get  
up & tried to walk like Childs creeping - and eased me  
for good & strength of health - to be refreshed. I thank God  
for kindness of promising me a great deal with his good  
blessings, &c.

A.B. If there is any vacancy of Teachers in the D.C. Insti-  
tution yet. Let me hear from you, as soon as this  
reaches you, after seeing Mr. E. M. Gallaudet, Princi-  
pal of that house, first - if any vacancy there yet, -  
as I knew his father well, when I saw him in the Pa.  
Institution lecturing to the D & D. He visited there  
with Mr. Walden. Let me refer you to Hon. J. Letcher  
as to my qualification - if you never hear, nor  
know any thing of me in our life -

Please, don't treat my letter with contempt, if you  
get this from me, as I am at loss of succeeding  
into good business, as Teacher, when I tried a place

all the time. ~~for~~ <sup>in</sup> several years with expectation -

I am out of living longer, if I don't get any  
place - at all time - to succeed by that.  
But I hope you will please try a place as Teacher  
for me, to succeed, in the Institution, which  
shall be soon vacated by the resignation, or death  
of Teachers in that House - yet. If not so at this  
time, I hope you can make certificate of recommen-  
dation as Clerk in any office in your city - for me  
by means - <sup>through courtesy & propriety</sup> Refer you to Capt. Williams for information.

When Hon. Letcher got a letter in answer from the  
Principal of the Va. Institution in Staunton, since  
he made a letter of consultation for me - in his cer-  
tificate. Then he sent it to me last Tuesday, to find  
out, for "foolish refusal" of the Principal & the Board  
of Directors of the Va. Institution to employ me.

Let them go alone: I find out whom refer them  
to other friends, by means - because they meant,  
by charging me with <sup>the ignorance of</sup> qualifying myself as Teacher.  
by so doing - I thank them for that, as my friends Capt.  
Williams, Judge Samuel, & Hon. Letcher don't like  
it for the reasons. You will excuse me this  
black & dirty letter a hurry, & correct my errors, though  
so nervous, so that I can hardly write this, therefore  
I had the Rheumatism that gives me to much complaining  
I shall refer you to my friend Cyrus Spangler, who is in  
your city, & knows me well, <sup>as old friend</sup> - for information  
as to my qualification, & to Mr. Poizan, if you see them there.  
Let me hear from you. Yours, Respectfully, Robt. P. Paul

My most Respects to President Buchanan  
and Breckinridge - & also all friends -  
R. P. Gaul

P.S. I am glad that the new building of the  
D.C. Institution in Washington city for the  
Deaf & Dumb, & the Blind is established  
<sup>for the Education,</sup>  
with good efforts of making it prosper  
with improvement for school, to see  
in good progress which shall be made for -  
I wish them much success with that  
to be enlightened under the instruction of  
God, for, to save them from ruining them-  
selves & dangerously - in my prayer. God  
if they are uneducated yet -  
R. P. Gaul