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H. J.

Department of the Interior,

Washington, D. C. August 1st, 1877.

Sir:

I have to request that the usual estimates in duplicate for your office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, may be prepared and transmitted to this Department as early as practicable, for the purpose of being laid before Congress at the ensuing session by the Secretary of the Treasury.

I would invite your particular attention to the inclosed "Estimate Circular."

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Murray
Secretary

To Prof E. M. Gallaudet,

President of Deaf Dumb Asylum, 571

WYLLYS H. WARNER,

Manufacturer of

Steam Heating Apparatus,

33 WEST RAIL ROAD ST.,
SYRACUSE.

No. 114 LEONARD STREET.
NEW YORK CITY.

42 COURT STREET,
BROOKLYN.

New York, Aug 1st 1877

E. W. Gallaudet Esq
Dear Sir

Mr Purfoot returned
Saturday & reports the boilers & piping
complete - There will therefore nothing
more require to be done All the Radiators
are put on - Nothing I believe
was said in our conversation or
correspondence about terms of payt -
It is usual at this stage of the
work to call for a payt of 1/2

If it is convenient and
agreeable to you to make
me a payt of \$1700 or some
such amount - it will much

Remitted oblige
\$1700. any 3^{rs}.

Yrs very truly
W. H. Warner

Ord. Sect. for Deaf & Mute.
July 28th 1877.

W. E. M. Gallaudet - I. L. S.

President National Deaf-Mute College.

This certifies, that the bearer of this paper
R. Cross, is a graduate of the Academic
Department of this Institution, and being
desirous of pursuing the regular course
of study, in the National Deaf-Mute
College, I take pleasure in recommend-
ing him to the Authorities in that Insti-
tution, as worthy of admission to its
privileges and advantages. I can
confidentally commend him to yourself
and the Members of the Faculty as
a zealous student and as a young
man in every way correct in this
department.

Signed -

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Thos. Mac Lure - Supr.

LAW OFFICES OF

Osborn, Calkins & Wile.

LAPORTE, IND.

LaPorte Ind^a Aug 1. 77

E. M. Gallaudet - L. L. D.

Pres^t & C.

Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to state that I am personally acquainted with Jesse R. Cross of this County. I am not acquainted with his proficiency in his studies except as I get it from Prof MacIntyre and from his statement have no doubt of Mr. Cross' qualifications to enter the Deaf Mute College at Washington. I cordially recommended his admission to that institution, free of tuition and Board

I am very truly

W. H. Calkins

M. C.

10th Ind Cal.



LaPorte, Ind. Aug. 1st, 1877.

Dear sir:

Your letter and card
have been forwarded to me.
I have obtained two recommend-
ations which will be sent in this
letter. Hope you will be satisfied
with them. I will send \$ 7.50
for a round trip ticket from
Chicago. If it is not enough, I
will send more.

Truly yours.

Jesse Cross.

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Alden Mo Henry Co Ills
August 1 1827

Mr Superintendent
I wish you to write a letter
of information to me and tell
me the terms of the school and
what ones expenses would
be for one term write and
let me know soon and
obliged

William J Campbell

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TENNESSEE
DEAF AND DUMB SCHOOL,

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug 2^d 1877

My dear friend:

Miss Jennie Silleen, for
the past two sessions a pupil
of ours - and also Marshal
Smith - a former pupil,
are applicants for admission
into the college the coming
term. I hope you may
be able to receive them both,

Miss Jennie's mother is the
widow of Gen. A. C. Silleen
who was an officer in the
reg. Army & I presume on
this ground her daughter is
entitled to gratuitous instruction,
& presume by this time
both of these persons or their
friends have made application
to you & so you are acquainted

with their address.

Miss Gillem received several
years instruction at Hartford
prior to coming to us. She
has had good advantages and is
better qualified for admission
into the college than either
Hain or Jordan was.

Smith is even better qualified
than Gillem. He is a very
bright fellow & in every way
worthy. His father is in
desperate circumstances

and can pay nothing for his
board & tuition. She has been
for a long time very desirous
to go to Washington & I hope
you may take her.

Am spending the summer
quiet but pleasantly at home.

Hope you and your dear ones
are well & prospering.

Affly your friend J. H. Spaulding

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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, D. C., August 3rd, 1877

Mr. E. M. Gallaudet,

President, Columbia Institution

for the Deaf and Mumb.

Sir:

I will thank you to transmit to this Department, on or before the first day of October next, your report for the year ending June 30, 1877.

Very respectfully,

C. Murray
Secretary.

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United States Senate Chamber,

Washington, Feb'y 1, 1876

515 7th Street, op.
erof Northwest.

Dear Sir:

This will be handed
you by my personal friend, Judge Charles
A. Ray, ex-Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court
of Indiana, on the last Republican bench.

Any favors or attention shown him
will be much appreciated by me.

Yours Truly,

O. P. Morton

Genl. W. Ketchum.

The above is a general letter of introduction handed me some
time since by Senator Morton & as such I present it.

Very respectfully

Chas. Ray

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Faint handwritten text, possibly "L. R. R."

A. RAY,

of the Court of Indians,

Counselor at Law,

Agent, opposite General Post Office,

Washington, D. C.,

Washington May 4 1877

My dear General:

I called to in-
troduce my friend, George Ray,
formerly of Indianapolis now of
this city, to you.

He has some business with you
which he will explain.

He is a gentleman worthy your
consideration.

Yours
W. D. Phelps.

W. D. Phelps
Washington

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W. D. Phelps

PELLETIER'S
BETON & ASPHALT
METALLIC-TOP PAVEMENT.

THE COMING PAVEMENT.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

OCTOBER 1, 1876.

TESTIMONIALS OF THE PRESS.

From the "Morning Chronicle" of September 21st, 1876:

The contract to pave a portion of the east side of the Capitol grounds was awarded yesterday to Captain A. Pelletier, to be laid in accordance with his patent, known as the "Pelletier Beton," so well and favorably prized for building purposes. This well-deserved compliment to home genius will, we are satisfied, result in giving a splendid piece of workmanship and a pavement that will command the favorable attention of our citizens.

From the "Daily Republican," September 24th, 1876:

THE CAPITOL PAVEMENT.

The contract to pave that portion of the Capitol grounds northeast of the Capitol was awarded yesterday to Captain A. Pelletier, to be laid in accordance with his patent known as the "Pelletier Beton." Captain Pelletier's "Beton" has been used in our city for building purposes for years, and has given universal satisfaction.

From "Forney's Sunday Chronicle," September 24th, 1876:

THE COMING PAVEMENT.

Mr. A. Pelletier has been awarded a contract to lay about two thousand yards of his celebrated Beton pavement on a piece of roadway leading to the Senate wing of the Capitol.

Without any disparagement of any other worker in concrete pavements, Mr. Pelletier can be safely put down as one of the most successful experts in the country, having had large and varied experience in the business for many years in Europe, and since his residence in this country has received testimonials from many of our leading scientists, as well as influential journals, complimentary of the superiority of his Beton stone, which, in addition

to its adaptability for roadways, is also extensively used for building purposes. In the piece he proposes to lay on the north front of the Capitol he will demonstrate a piece of work that will settle forever all doubts of the durability of concrete pavements when laid by men who understand, as he does, their business. As the best test of the pudding is to eat it, we are willing to submit Mr. Pelletier's process to the test of time, satisfied that it will bear out its foreign and American reputation, and when once fairly introduced in this city, it will be without a rival, and few, if any, to equal it.

From the New York Times, Oct. 3, 1876:

"The Roadway on the East side of the Capitol at Washington is being paved by Capt. Pelletier, under his system known in Europe as the 'Pelletier Beton;' a pure 'Portland,' or 'Lime of Tiel,' hydraulic base, with an 'Asphalt Metallic Top,' and great expectations are indulged in, as to its beauty, durability, and adaptability as a pavement. The well known character of its inventor, gives it strength in the confidence of the citizens of the Capital. We hope soon to see it introduced here."

REPORT OF JURORS.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Fifth Cincinnati Industrial Exposition:

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned jurors, appointed by the Cincinnati Industrial Exposition to examine and report upon the Beton artificial stone exhibited by Antonio Pelletier, would respectfully make the following report:

That we have made as full an examination of the same as the time given us would admit of. We have examined it in regard to its behavior with chemical agents, so as to satisfy ourselves as to its composition, and its ability to stand the conditions to which it may be exposed in use, or the construction of buildings and other purposes that brick and stone enters into the construction of. We would report that we find the Beton artificial stone, from its composition and behavior under the tests we have submitted it to, an excellent substitute for natural stone and brick, and one that will improve in

strength by age and exposure to atmospheric influences, consequent to chemical changes and caused by it.

We would also report that we consider it a valuable material for purposes named, and a more economical one than either stone or brick, and that ornaments and ornamental structures may be constructed from it not possible (from extreme cost) with stone or brick, and therefore respectfully recommend that the highest medal be awarded to him.

Respectfully,

E. S. WAYNE.
A. FENNAL.

From "Forney's Sunday Chronicle," Nov. 5, 1876:

OUR CONCRETE PAVEMENTS.

Great Headway Made on Pennsylvania Avenue—An Excellent Pavement at the Capitol.

The favorable weather of the last few weeks has given a splendid chance to contractors for laying concrete pavements. On Pennsylvania avenue they have made great headway, and unless interrupted by cold, freezing weather, both sides of the Avenue will be finished from First to Fifteenth streets before the meeting of Congress, which will be an agreeable surprise to everybody.

The Grahamite pavement appears to be winning favor, from the fact that great pains are taken to lay it and to give it a presentable appearance, and some of our experts say that it will fully come up to the expectations of its friends. We are glad of this, and that the property-holders are really going to get a good, substantial pavement, and that the experiment will be a success. The criticism to which it has been subjected will turn out to have been a good service, and excited a pride to make a good job, while an indifferent course on the part of the "press" would have proved injurious.

The Neufchatel pavement is finished on the north side, from First to Sixth streets, and whatever merit its friends claim for it, the judgment of the public appears to be against it for various reasons—its surface being too smooth; dangerous to fast driving in wet weather, and the material too brittle to stand the enormous traffic of the Avenue. Time, however, must decide, and if this test demonstrates its durability its reputation will be fixed.

The best concrete pavements, by all odds, are those being laid on the north

and south sides of the hill leading to the Capitol, and the short piece of 2,000 yards on the carriage-way leading to the Capitol on the north side. The piece on the south hill, laid by Jonathan Taylor, has one of the best surface finishings we ever saw, and all through is a very creditable job, and that will bear the closest examination. Without the slightest intention of being invidious, we are free to say that the short piece of 2,000 yards on the top of the hill leading to the north side of the Capitol, and laid by Captain Pelletier, is by far the best prepared concrete pavement in the District, and so pronounced by experts. The secret of this pavement consists in the proper combination of the ingredients and the preparation of a suitable foundation, which latter quality, after all, makes up the real merit of all good concrete pavements, and if both foundation and top surface are prepared under the Pelletier process, the true secret of durability is accomplished. This, we believe, has been reached in the specimen laid on Capitol Hill, and from all we can learn is the judgment of the commission now in charge of the pavement on Pennsylvania avenue. For the Beton pavement we predict a future that few, if any, will be able to outrival, and if continued under the management of Captain Pelletier, it will never fail to give satisfaction wherever it is laid.

From "Forney's Sunday Chronicle," December 10th, 1876:

CONCRETE PAVEMENTS.

There is no disputing the fact that this city affords the best test for concrete pavements in the country, and while we are free to admit there have been many failures practised here—and, to our shame be it said, some of them are encouraged even at this late day, in the face of an experience that should have taught us better—it is not our purpose to go into an enumeration of either the best or the worst concrete pavement in this District, excepting for the purpose of calling the attention of strangers now in this city to a very fine specimen of about two thousand yards on a roadway leading to the Senate wing of the Capitol, laid by Captain Pelletier, under his system, known in Europe as the Beton Stone, with a pure Portland, or lime of Tiel, hydraulic base, covered with an asphalt metallic top. The combinations of this concrete are pronounced by experts, and among them the present commissioners of the Avenue pavement, as of the very best, and, to use their own language, "admirably fitted for the purpose of a pavement foundation." The great merit of the Pelletier pavement is in the durability of its founda-

tion, a secret that appears to belong exclusively to the Captain, and that, with other concretes, is one of the difficult points to overcome, and the reason why so few of them have stood the test of years of wear and tear.

Parties, therefore, in search of a durable concrete pavement should in all cases make the base, or foundation, the point of examination, and this settled, the top covering is easily provided. The Pelletier pavement, however, combines merit in both top and base, and is the reason why it is bound, in time, to take precedence over all others. In making up this opinion we do not wish to be considered as at all invidious, or in any sense as intending to disparage other established concretes; but, like everything else in the market, there is a difference in favor of one or the other, so in this case we have no hesitation in pronouncing the Pelletier process as one of the best in the country, and, if properly treated, will stand the test of time as long as any now, or that may hereafter be, put in use.

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**ENDORSEMENT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS
TO REPAIR PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.**

CAPITOL OF THE UNITED STATES,
Office of Commission to Repave Pennsylvania Avenue.

Major General H. G. WRIGHT,
Engineer Corps, U. S. A., Prest.

Major General Q. A. GILMORE,
Engineer Corps, U. S. A.

EDWARD CLARK, Esq.,
Architect of Capitol of United States.

} Commission appointed by Act of Con-
gress approved July 19, 1876.
No. 113.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 6, 1876.

Mr. ANTONIO PELLETIER,
No. 1108 Sixth Street, N. W.

Sir: In reply to your communication asking for an expression of opinion in regard to the merits of your pavement having an "Hydraulic Beton Base," I have to say that the "Beton" in the "specimen" presented by you is regarded by this Commission as being of excellent quality, and admirably fitted for the purpose of a *pavement foundation*.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. G. WRIGHT,
Bvt. Major General, U. S. Army, President of Commission.

OFFICE OF SENATE COM. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D. C., Sept. 18, 1876.

A. PELLETIER, Esq.:

DEAR SIR:

I cheerfully endorse the recommendation of the "Commission" appointed by Congress to re-pave Pennsylvania avenue, in regard to your "*Beton*," and take pleasure in bearing testimony to the great worth of your system of "*Artificial Stone*" in use in *Building Fronts*. The buildings on 7th street, and Grant Place are monuments of your skill. Your "*Beton Stone*," embodying as it does durability with cheapness, recommends it in all instances where *Stone* is necessary.

As to your "*Pavement Beton*," I most unhesitatingly believe it the Coming Pavement.

Very respectfully,

GEO. E. SPENCER,
Chairman Senate Com. Dist. Col.

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Office of Superintendent of Repairs of Public Buildings,
U. S. POST OFFICE AND COURT-HOUSE,
Broadway, New York, July 20, 1875.

Messrs. ABRAMS, AMERINE & Co.,
608 Pine street, St. Louis, Mo.:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant asking for information in regard to the durability and cost of the Pelletier Patent Pavement around this building, I would say that the Pavement has stood the changes of winter and spring very well, showing but few marks of disintegration, (caused chiefly by mechanical action,) and I think that the Pelletier Patent Pavement, properly laid, is the best I have seen.

The cost of the Pavement around this building was — cents per square foot.

Very respectfully,

W. G. STEINMETS,
Superintendent Architect.

WEST VIRGINIA

INSTITUTION FOR DEAF MUTES AND BLIND.

Hamney, W. Va., Aug. 4 1877

Dr C. M. Gallaudet.

My dear Sir.

One of the boys mentioned to you when in Phila. proposes to apply for admission into the Freshman Class of your College this fall, though I think it will result in his entering the preparatory class, wh. I have advised him to do, & not incur the disappointment of a failure to pass the examinations. He informs me by letter, that he has secured the means to carry him thro' his College course, i.e. sufficient to furnish all necessary clothing, books &c. Please inform me what preliminary steps are necessary, if any.

and
advise
M.C.'s
necessaries

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Yours truly
J. C. Corbett

New Bedford, Mass -
August 6th 1877 -

Dr. E. M. Galladine,
Pres^t - Deaf Mute National College -
Washington.

Sir -

John F. Donnelly of Fall River, Mass.
is very anxious to avail of the instruction of
your College. He has been a pupil of the
New York Institution for the Deaf and Dumb,
and so far as I know he is worthy such
assistance as he desires.

Can Mr. Donnelly be admitted to your
Institution as a free student? or to what
extent can he be aided?

Yours truly,
Wm. W. Capos, M.C.

Thurs: Mch^u
Aug. 6. 1877

John F. Donnelly

Fall River -

Dear Sir - Yours of the 30th

of July has been forwarded to me
at this place. Herewith I enclose

a letter to Dr. Gulliver, which
you are at liberty to use. It
would benefit you to address the

Pres^t of the College, a request and
recommendation signed by eight, ten
or a dozen of the leading citizens
of Fall River, who know you
personally and who can certify
to your good character and fitness

for the place as a student.

If you procure such paper
signed as suggested, I will
give it the proper endorse-
ments.

Yours truly,

Wm. W. Capo

I would like to hear
from you very soon

Fall River

Mass

Cleveland Aug 9th 1877

Dear Sir.

I make up my mind to let you know that I have decided to enter College. Will you be so kind as to let me enter college? If you agree with my request, will you please send some books to me and you also explain to me, how I prepare to enter it. I want to study them so diligently and go to enter it for Preparatory Advance next fall, as I had graduated at school in Columbus. Do you think that I can pass a good examination for Preparatory Advance next fall, and I think that it is too late for me, for your College is coming near to open. I am going to request the Congressman of this city to get free admission. Please send the books to me, if you agree with me. My address is, Thomas McHinnis Jr.

No 410 Lorain St

Cleveland

575

Ohio

Yours respectfully

Thomas McHinnis Jr.

Institution for the Education of the Deaf & Dumb,

Fulton, Mo. Aug. 9. 1877.

To Whom it may concern:

George J. Dougherty, while a pupil at the Missouri Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb, received instruction from me in English Grammar and Composition, Geography, Arithmetic, History, (Ancient and modern) Natural Philosophy, Latin Grammar and Reader.

Possessed of an excellent memory, and great zeal in the pursuit of knowledge, he was enabled to stand at the head of his class in every study. His deportment in the school-room was good.

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Wm. Marshall, Teacher

Letters referred to also from Mr
Marshall, desired &c

St. Louis Mo. Aug. 14th 1847.
Edward Gallaudet Esq^r—
Pres. Deaf & Mute College
Kendall Green
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir;

I take the liberty
of addressing you this
note in behalf of Geo. J.
Dougherty a young man
who is both Deaf & Dumb,
he desires if possible
to gain admittance into
your Institution, he
is a bright looking lad
and comes highly rec-
ommended by his former
Teacher Mr. S. Marshall
Fulton Mo. 517
I will thank you to in-

form and concerning
the regulations of your
Institution, and what
the prospects are for ac-
commodating this young
man.

Hoping to hear from you
in due time.

I am very Respectfully
yours.

Anthony Carter M.C.
1st Dist. Mo.

3125 Lafayette Ave.
St. Louis

Mo.

Peacham. Aug 15th 1877.

Dear Sir.

I have been longing to hear whether you will let me or not enter the college as a student in the fall term. Have you received the letter of a recommendation concerning me?

Yours truly. J. D. Allen.

378 Peacham.

Vt.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



Dr. E. M. Gallaudett.
National Deaf Mute College.
Washington.
D. C.

for, and possibly answered
by yours. I remain very
Respectfully
Mrs. Abm. C. Gillum

P.S.

Jennie desires me to give
her kind regards & she has
seen you several times at Hartford
I should be pleased to hear
from you at your earliest
convenience -

Best
favors

to
"Soldiers Rest"
New Nashville
Tenn.

"Mr. C. W. Gallaudet"
St. Louis

My daughter
Jennie is very desirous of finishing
her education with you, and would
like to go to "Rest Point" of my husband
Genl. Abm. C. Gillum, to see if she
could be admitted as an old
officer's daughter free of expense,
My income is very limited
& I have three to educate. My
daughter was at Hartford some
four or five years and spent
her school days there, she went
to Hartford & graduated there

This last year, she was a climate was very severe & Mr
Chas Drake of Mr Wills & also there was kind enough to give
young Barbara of Truxville her a comfortable room with
though I think she advanced more of his high class girls
& brighter than either of the two. I would like to see
well situated when I can get of Truxville will recommend
her a good situation at the state school in Truxville which
she very much desires. She has been taking sewing & printing
is very good at both for the length of time she has been at
it. She has drawn large pictures of her uncle & father which
have very much admired, in Royon. I would like her to
continue both sewing & printing she can also make exquisite
cut flowers, and does a great deal of fancy work. She has
never been very strong since she went to Hartford she
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never been very strong since she went to Hartford she

to take care of her. Mr Stone, also her friend Mr Jones
of Truxville will recommend her highly, as a good obedient
child, perfectly correct and a Christian girl. Always
had a Bible class at the Truxville school. Her father
corresponded with you some years ago & you I think
recommended the Hartford school for beginners. You
will see a great kindness to the widow & child of a noble
soldier & a starting friend. I hope that I shall be kindly
treated by the Govt my husband
withfully love & give his life

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF EDUCATION,

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20, 1878.

Dear Sir:

Our copy of the report of the Deaf-Mute College for last year does not appear to be at hand. I would be greatly obliged if you will mail me a couple of copies.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

John Eaton

Commissioner

E. M. Gallaudet, Ph.D., LL.D.,

Pres. Deaf-Mute College,

Washington, D. C.

JED

St. Louis Mo. Aug. 20th. 1874.

E. M. Gallaudet Esqr

Dear Sir;

I am glad to learn
that there is a fair pros-
pect of Young Doughterty's
being received into
your Institution.

He is a bright looking
young man, and seems
to be very desirous of
advancing in his
Studies.

Inclosed you will
find letter of Mr E.
Marshall, as requested.

Yours very Respectfully

Anthony Turner

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F. SCOTT,

DEALER IN

Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods,

No. 318 Delaware Street.

Leavenworth, Kas., Aug 30th 1877

Mr E. M. Gallaudet

Dear Sir.

Can I come back to school again? Did you receive my father's letters? I promise you I will keep up my duties & respect your rules the best I can in the future. I am really sorry for the troubles I gave you & the faculty & the Institution, but will never do so again. I will prepare myself for the admission to advanced preparatory class if I can come. Pray say I can. My father is much troubled about it and very anxious I should go back. I am sure I will be all that is required of me in future. Awaiting anxiously your reply & hope a favorable one.

I am Yours

F. A. Scott

All send regards to you.

and unfamilly

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J. H. A.

W. P. S.

Department of the Interior.

Washington August 21st 1877

E. M. Gallaudet, Esq.

President Col. Inst. for Deaf and Dumb.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will furnish this Department with such portion of the matter to be embraced in the Biennial Register for this year, as relates to the Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, in compliance with sections 198 and 510 Revised Statutes.

Have the kindness to so arrange for the preparation of this work that the copy may be delivered to this office with the least possible delay, after the 30th of September. 523

Blanks will be furnished by this Department for the purpose of securing uniformity

in the data called for by the law, in the arrange-
ment of which, please consult the Register of 1875
as a guide.

Very respectfully,

A. B. Bell

Assistant Secretary.

Dear Sir we as parents hope
you will let our son go to
the Deaf Mute College we cannot
pay if he goes he must go free
D. M. Mallick - Louisa Mallick

P. S. we can clothe him and pay
his expenses to and from school

North East August 21st 1877.

Dear Sir:

C. M. Gallaudet

Is it too late for me if I am
going to college this fall?
I here admit into the Lower
Preparatory of National Deaf mute
college. My name is Herbert M.
Mallick. I am 16 years old. I lost
my hearing by a bee entering
my ear when I was a year and
half old. In 1871, at the age of ten,
I was sent to the Pennsylvania
Institution for the Deaf and
Dumb and have remained up
to this time. Mr Foster told me
that my six years term must
end now. I wanted to go back
to school another year, but my
term must end now. J 24



I have made up my mind to go to college as a student. I studied the Fellers arithmetic, the histories of the United States and England, the geography and some other books before the close of my term.

My Parents cannot afford to pay you for my scholarship and board ^{and} want you to let me go free. I hope you will be so kind as to let me come. If you wish I can get a good recommend from Mr Foster. Please write me as soon as you get this to let me know whether I go or not.

This is all for this time
So Good Bye.

David W. North East, P. S. ^{Mallick}
 May the Lord bless you.
 Yours respectfully
 Herbert M. Mallick
 P. S. If you want to know what my father's name and address

And
 formally

WEST VIRGINIA

INSTITUTION FOR DEAF MUTES AND BLIND.

Roanoke, W. Va., Aug 23^d 1877

President Gallaudet,

My dear Sir,

Geo Layton,

The young man to whom I refer
in mine of the 4th inst. desires
for admission to the College; &
I am quite sure, in view of his
circumstances, you would be en-
tirely justified in receiving him
on that basis. In the meantime,
will procure recommendation from
his member of Congress. Have
advised Layton to enter preparatory
class.

Yours, Very truly
J. C. Coville

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REPORT AND PLAN OF ADJUSTMENT

OF THE

DEBT OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

To the Commission to adjust the City Debt:

Your Committee to whom was assigned the duty of preparing business for your consideration, respectfully report as follows:

After carefully considering and discussing the financial condition of the city, its debt and its resources of every description, your committee are of the unanimous opinion:

1st. That the city of Alexandria is able to pay the interest on fifty cents in the dollar of its present indebtedness *and no more*.

2nd. That the reduction of the debt, by scaling it one half, is preferable to reducing the interest to three per cent. on the whole debt.

3rd. That to accomplish the desirable result of reducing the debt to an amount the interest on which the city can promptly pay, and the principal it may ultimately redeem, it is necessary to recognize the fact that the bond holders have rights in this matter as well as the city. That in return for, and in order to induce concessions on their part, advantageous terms must be offered to the bondholders, making it to their interest to accept a compromise.

Your Committee believe, therefore, that an act the most stringent and binding in its terms, a security that shall place it within the power of the bondholders to enforce promptly and speedily the payment of the interest, should there be default in its payment, should be passed by the Legislature of Virginia and the City Council of Alexandria.

In pursuance of these views, your Committee report the following recommendations and plan of adjustment, to be offered to the bondholders at the meeting to be held in October.

1st. Scale the whole debt of the city at fifty cents in the dollar, and issue new bonds at that rate, taking up and destroying the old evidences of debt.

2nd. Let the bonds thus issued be coupon bonds, payable thirty years after date, or at the pleasure of the City Council.

3rd. The coupons to express on their face, that they are receivable at and after maturity, at their face value, in payment of all taxes, licenses, fines, dues, demands or gas bills, and to be upon the same footing in these particulars, with current funds.

4th. The bonds and coupons to express on their face, that they are not taxable by the city of Alexandria, whether held or owned by residents or non-residents of the city.

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5th. All the revenues derived from the public property to be pledged for the prompt payment of the interest on the municipal debt, and to be used for no other purpose. And all moneys realized from the sale of public property shall be applied exclusively to the absorption by purchase of the new Compromise Bonds which bonds shall be at once cancelled and destroyed by the Finance Committee of the City Council.

6th. A contract to be embodied in the act, and ordinance, that the city will by taxation, raise the difference between the revenues derived from the municipal property, and the amount of interest.

7th. A sinking Fund to be created and a tax of——— to be annually levied and sacredly applied to the extinguishment of the debt.

8th. Power to be conferred on the Circuit and Corporation Courts of the city of Alexandria or any State Court having general jurisdiction in said city or the judges thereof in vacation, should default be made for thirty days in the payment of the interest, or any part thereof, upon the joint application of the bondholders or any one or more of them, to compel the city council by mandamus, to levy and at once collect a tax sufficient to meet the interest due, and to pay the interest due at once. In event of the City Council failing to levy and collect the tax aforesaid, after the mandamus shall have been served upon it for thirty days, or in the event of there being no power in existence to levy and collect the tax then the Circuit or Corporation Courts or other State Courts of general jurisdiction in said city, or the Judges thereof in vacation, to have power to levy the tax above provided for, and to appoint a Commissioner to collect it.

Your committee recommend the adoption of this plan. They believe it to be one eminently just to the bondholder, and creditable to the city in its depressed financial condition. The debt is stated by the Auditor to be \$1,158,249; less the sinking fund, \$1,068,349.90; were the debt scaled fifty cents in the dollar, it would amount to \$584,174.95, the annual interest on which would be \$32,050.49. This amount the city can pay by rigid economy in municipal affairs.

To effect such an adjustment of the debt as is outlined in this report, needs not only the exertion of the Commission but the hearty co-operation of every citizen; it is not to be believed that there is in our midst one so unpatriotic, so lost to his own interest as to refuse assistance both by word and deed to the accomplishment of a result so necessary if ever again there is to be prosperity in the city.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH LATHAM,
CHARLES E. STUART,
WM. F. CARNE,
ISAAC EICHBERG,
LEWIS MCKENZIE, } Committee.

Alexandria, Virginia, August 25, 1877.

CIRCULAR.

To the Bondholders and Creditors of the City of Alexandria, Virginia:

Experience having demonstrated that the city of Alexandria is utterly unable to pay the interest on the Municipal Debt, and that arrears of interest are rapidly accumulating, the City Council of Alexandria, actuated by a desire to deal fairly with its creditors, has appointed a Committee to call a meeting of its creditors, and if possible to so adjust the debt, that it will be within the compass of the city's ability to promptly pay the interest and at the same time to create a fund that will eventually discharge the principal. A copy of the plan of adjustment proposed by the Committee is herewith furnished you. You are respectfully requested to meet the Committee so appointed on the third Thursday in October next, that being the 18th of October, 1877, at the Market Building, in the City of Alexandria at 12 o'clock m. If not able to be present in person, you are requested to commission some reliable person to act as your proxy. You are also requested to communicate with the Committee as speedily as possible your views on the enclosed plan of adjustment.

Very Respectfully,

K. KEMPER, Mayor.
CHARLES E. STUART,
HENRY STRAUSS,
M. B. HARLOW,
ROBERT PORTNER, } Committee.

Alexandria, Virginia, August 25, 1877.

This communication being upon OFFICIAL BUSINESS, any answer in reply, in order to be properly filed, is to be addressed as follows, viz: "THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, U. S. ARMY, WASHINGTON, D. C."

[Handwritten initials]

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Office of the Chief Signal Officer,

DIVISION OF

Telegrams and Reports for the Benefit of Commerce and Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.,

Aug 25
1877

Prof Gallaudet

*Deaf Ed Deunt Asylum
Washington D.C.*

Sir:-

*Enclosed please find memo-
randum form C, which you are re-
quested to sign and return to this
Office as your receipt for the one
Anemometer No 259 sent you on
the 23^d inst.*

Very Respectfully

[Signature]

*1st Lieut. P. S. D. off^r Sig. Ser. USA.
(Encl.)*
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R. J.
J. J.
Department of the Interior, ✓

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, D. C., August 27th, 1877.

Prof. C. M. Gallaudet

President ^{and} Chief Agent Columbia Instn for Deaf & dumb

Sir:

I return herewith your letter of the 23rd inst asking that twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars be placed to your credit on account of Buildings for the Institution.

On the 17th April 1877 a circular letter was sent to all the Disbursing Agents connected with this Department, requesting them in the future to submit all their requests for money upon blank forms prepared by this Department for that purpose. You are therefore respectfully requested to submit another

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estimate upon the regular form for
that purpose herewith inclosed - when
a requisition will be issued in your
favor.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
C. Murray
Secretary

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MISSOURI INSTITUTION

FOR THE

Education of the Deaf and Dumb,

FREE TO ALL DEAF MUTES BETWEEN THE AGES OF 9 AND 21 YEARS.

Fulton, Mo., August 28, 1877.

Dear Sir:-

I have your favor of the 2³^d inst?

Geo. Dougherty has been obedient and honorable in his department since he became a pupil in this school. He was raised a Roman Catholic, but does not seem to be specially interested in matters of religion. His parents are Irish and in rather indigent circumstances.

George is ambitious, has a very tenacious memory and will make rapid progress in his studies. Messrs Marshall & Martin have been his teachers. They do not hesitate to say he made satisfactory improvement under their instructions. Like all Irishmen, he is quick tempered, yet his moral character is above the average of deaf mute youths.

Very Respectfully,
W D Kerr

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[Handwritten signature]

"Soldiers Rest"

Donelson P. O.

Davidson Co. Tenn

Mr Gallaudet

Dear Sir

Your kind
and returned favor reached
me, and I write to express how
sincerely I appreciate your
kindness to my much afflicted
child. I felt grateful to God for
a kind friend to assist me in
the education of one of my loves
so dear to my heart. My desire
the dear old wishes of their
father was to educate them well,
& to instill industry into them
with Christian faith *30*
make good & worthy citizens
of them. when I succeed in this

I shall feel my Mission in
Life is complete & I am ready
to quit this world of sorrows
and pain of our kind who is
writing for me. My life has been
been one of excitement & happiness
until he was taken from me.
Now I feel forsaken by the God &
friends that I have lived with
true patriotism. Jennie is
so grateful to you & seems so
happy over your letter she will
be there on time. Please select
for her a nice warm coat
she has always been fortunate
in this respect. Consequently a
very quick & smart girl. Was
really patted to death by old
Mr Stone who was killed. he
always spoke so sweetly of his
little Southern flower as he
always called her. In my next
presents I will bring her on

return. I will send her.
She joins with me in thanks
& Anna wishes for your kindness
& hoping to see you soon in person

Remain very Respectfully
Yours
Wm. Abram C. Gillem