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par excellence. Am I to bring my own head  
and - and - and I might ask a multitude of  
of questions, but will reserve the rest for another  
letter, fearing that you will get bewildered, or  
come to the conclusion that I am a very inquisitive  
yankie which I am not! At present am  
very busy raising cabbages, etc., and have done  
a little in the classic occupation of "hoeing tatoes"  
so hope you will not fail to answer all of  
questions and save me the trouble of writing  
them over a second time. Please give them a  
careful consideration ab ovo usque ad mala, and  
in mind the circumstances which necessitated  
I forgot to state that the pupils of the Asylum in  
at half price over the Rail Road between Hartford, and  
Boston. Should think the Patron of the College could  
secure something like a similar advantage for  
its pupils. Having now given my ideas a tolerable  
ventilating I will "depart".

Wishing you all manner of success,

I am Sir,

Very truly yours,

a. J. Heasty.

I must beg you to excuse  
the strain on which this  
letter is written, as I was  
full of fun when it was  
penned, and I am very  
liable to make fun when  
in such a mood.

I assure you Sir, as dis-  
-respect is intended, and  
you will please remember  
that I am still a boy.

Sincerely yours

Albert James Heasty.

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Winslow, Maine, July 12, 1865.

Mr. E. M. Gallaudet;

President, College for Deaf & Dumb.

Dear Sir,

I have

just had the honor to receive yours of the  
10<sup>th</sup> inst., and in reply I would state that  
you may expect me at the time appointed  
if Providence so wills it, and if I can obtain  
satisfactory information on certain points,  
and <sup>also</sup> impartial answers to the queries propound-  
-ed below.

But first permit me to state that  
I should think it strange if Deaf mutes going  
to your institution could not be passed at  
half price, at least, (compared to the rates demanded  
of the general public,) from Boston, N. York, Philadel-

-phia, Wheeling, and other ~~central~~ Railroad, and Steamboat centers, and it would seem to me that such an arrangement ought to be made, though of course you will see that my opinion is very one eyed, or in other words partial to my self; still if you could make such an arrangement it would help me along immensely.

and after I get to Washington would there be any chance to earn something, or in other words "raise the wind in my favor" by honest means? and have the pupils any facilities for learning a trade of some sort or another?

How many hours of study a day do you have?

And is each pupil accommodated in a room of his own?

I should like to have you give the names of some half a dozen of your pupils who are graduates of the Asylum, if you have so many of "Mother Carey's chickens,"—and what class do you think I shall go into?—there now! I can ask questions like any other yankee, and enjoy them too since there is no more fear of a "financial pickle" next ~~next~~ summer, though I am fond of pickles

now that I think of it, (pickled cucumbers I mean.) By the way, are you going to allow the boys to "pickle" each other the way they do at Gale, and other places? if so, I beg leave to state that I strongly discountenance such practices, and shall never engage in tricks or any thing in that line, by any means. I go with the intention of living up to my principles thro' thick and thin, and you will find me on the side of the Saviour, morality, and order for I am aiming at a bright and shining mark; shall bring with me certificates of character from persons qualified to judge, in addition to which I think I can ~~refer~~ <sup>refer</sup> you to Mr. Stone, and Mr. Ayres of the Asylum, persons with whom you are already acquainted, and I have no fears but they will give you a good report of me.

By the way do you think there will be any prospect of a scholarship being established soon? And by what route from Boston do you think I had better travel? I could come in the Steamer "Norman" to Philadelphia, then take the cars—it would be cheap and more to my taste, being fond of salt water,

Mr Gallaudet

I have tried, but cannot engage a man to take my baggage to the East. Sometime when George goes to the City, if you would kindly allow him to come over for it, I shall feel greatly indebted, as I wish to leave one of my trunks there.

I hope to be able to leave here next Saturday, and promise myself the pleasure of a day or two at the East.

Hurriedly, but truly yours  
E. A. Lyman

July 12<sup>th</sup> 1865-

Baltimore July 13<sup>th</sup> 1865  
Mr C. M. Gallaudet

Dear Sir

Yours of the 12<sup>th</sup>  
is in hand, in regard to the  
little blind girl of whom you  
speak, I regret to say that it  
would be very inconvenient for  
us to receive <sup>her</sup> before the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept.  
Our Institution is closed for the  
months of July & August, and all of  
our pupils have left, for us  
to receive one blind girl into  
a strange house, without  
any other children to entertain  
her or show her about the  
house, you can perceive, would  
give us a great deal of trouble,  
I am sorry that we can not  
accommodate you, You say  
"we authorized to receive her".

The first arrangement  
made by our Board was to  
receive your pupils last  
spring, but as that did not  
meet with your approbation  
we made a subsequent  
arrangement, by which  
we are to receive them  
September 1<sup>st</sup> 1865. Though  
if we could conveniently  
do so, we would gladly  
accommodate you in this  
case. I sent you  
your plans by Gibbons, I  
hope he has delivered them  
in this, many thanks for  
the use of them so long, I  
should be glad to accept  
your invitation to pay  
you a visit, but I  
expect to be absent most  
of the summer, and  
shall have to hold

your reputation in  
deserved for the Fall,

With much respect  
Yours truly  
J. S. Morrison

P.S.

Our Building is  
progressing slowly, I  
would rather contend  
with Legislation Bodies  
than Mechanics +  
Architects.

J. S. M.

Deaf & Dumb Institution, Baldwin City, Douglas Co., Kansas.

17th July, 1865.

Edward H. Gallaudet, Esq.

Dear Sir: - Some time ago I received, and thankfully received, your last report of the Institution under your charge; but, bless me, I have somehow lost it. Could you forward to my address another copy? I am sorry to be obliged to trouble you with a request for another copy, but I particularly wish to preserve it. It is vacation now, and the pupils are leaving for the summer months.

I am, Sir, with every wish for your prosperity,

Yours humble servant,

Joseph Mount.



Wanted Mason Chells

July 15<sup>th</sup> 1855

Edward Gallaudet

President of the Deaf Mute College

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> last came to hand, to which I shall now reply. For a long time I have been contemplating the matter that you wrote me — And now come to the final conclusion that I decline to accept your noble offer — For this reason, I am unable to attend your college for want of money, my eyes have been frequently inflamed and if I risk to attend your school, my eyes will be worse and soreness will follow fear so. Therefore the circumstances would not allow me to do so

For this year—  
Dear Sir, I cordially  
recomm<sup>end</sup> your college  
as an institution for the  
Education of the "Children of  
Silence"— Hoping you will  
have a great number of  
students in the forthcoming  
fall—

Yours truly

James R. Boone  
P.S. Much obliged for  
your offer— but it is  
impossible for me to  
accept it, and I regret  
for my inability to attend  
colleges I have been  
inducing two or three of  
my intelligent classmates  
to attend this year— They  
want the reports of your  
college sent down here  
S.R.B.

Finance

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Department of the Interior.

Washington D. C. July 20<sup>th</sup> 1865

Sir

I have to request that the usual estimates for your Office for the fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 1867, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Section of the Act of June 17<sup>th</sup> 1844, Vol 5 p 693, relating to estimates to be laid before Congress.

You are requested to send the estimates on foolscap paper, with margins of at least one inch in width that the same may be bound in volumes.

I am Sir, Very respectfully  
Your Obedt. Servt.

Geo Harlan  
Secretary

E M Gallaudet Esqr

President of the Columbian  
Institution for the Deaf the Dumb & the Blind

GENERAL TICKET DEPARTMENT,

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Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company,

Baltimore, July 2 - 1865

Wm. Gallatin, Esq

Washington DC

Please show me containing  
Five \$100 Dollars requesting Special tickets to Cumberland  
and return for 21st month, herewith I enclose  
the same

Very truly yours

L. M. Low  
A. M.

New Haven, Ct. July 22<sup>d</sup> 1865

Mr. Edward M. Gallaudet,  
Dear Sir:

I have carefully perused your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> of June last, (I have been prevented partly by indisposition from answering it more speedily) and while I would thank you for your evident desire that I should be benefitted by the advantages offered through the new College, I would ask your forbearance while I make a plain and frank statement of the facts in my case, feeling that you should know the motives which have influenced my seeming indifference to the benefits that I might enjoy by becoming a student of the College in question, and which still make me hesitate to accept your urgent invitation to join the next Freshman Class.

Firstly, I am unable to pay the sum required to secure my passage through the College, or even a fraction thereof. I have been but a year out of school, and, as yet, get very small wages, - barely enough to support myself as I go along, and I have no friends that are both willing and able

to help me, so far as I know. But you say that you will make reductions "so large that no worthy deaf-mutes need hesitate on the ground of pecuniary inability, to apply for admission."

How far I am worthy it is not for me to judge, but if I find it in any <sup>proper</sup> way possible, I shall insist on paying the full amount. I infer that the College is not, as yet, in a condition to be over prodigal with its money, and in case I should tax its generosity to pay my course, doubtless other, and more deserving mutes would suffer.

Secondly, I do not deem my self fit, mentally to enter the College immediately, though I may be at fault. At the Asylum my scholarship was, I believe, considered fair, still I was not satisfied with my progress while there. No study was perfectly acquired. Of Grammar, Arithmetic, and the most common branches of education, I am sorry to say, I obtained a very imperfect knowledge, while, as I aimed to secure only a practical education, I did not undertake to study Latin.

You may wonder why I have not improved the time since I first received notice, in preparing myself to enter College. I would say, that I did not at first understand the facilities afforded to indigent mutes, and took it as a matter

already settled, that it would be impossible for me to go on account of my poverty; and I had almost wholly dismissed the subject from my mind, when your last letter came to hand - at first, I only remembered it with regret: - also that during nearly all the evenings of the past winter I have been compelled to work, this leaving me but little leisure.

All things considered, would you not advise me to wait another year before I apply for admission - if I decide to enter? I know that now is the best time for more than one reason, but it seems to me almost impossible. I expect an advance in wages soon, and that will relieve me from the necessity of working evenings, when I can study; and before another year has rolled around, perhaps I can save enough to pay the greater part of the \$150.

But, supposing that I find it possible to go, and decide to do so, as early as the next term, what course of study would you advise me to adopt in order to prepare myself? - what studies is it most essential that I should be most thoroughly acquainted with in order to pass examination with credit?

I suppose there are incidental expenses to be met after I get to Washington? As to

their amount, I should, <sup>like</sup> to be informed, that  
I may decide whether it is in my power to meet  
them. You will confer a great favor if you  
find it within your power and convenience  
to satisfy me. I have taxed your kindness and  
patience before in gratifying me, and for your  
readiness in so doing accept my warmest thanks.

I hope you will forgive the plainness of my  
speaking. Nothing but the purest confidence  
in the disinterestedness which prompts your  
labors in behalf of our unfortunate class, a  
desire to give you a clear understanding of my  
true status, and a full belief in the kindness  
and sympathy of your heart could justify  
it.

Again, accept my thanks for past  
favours, and believe me

Very Respectfully yours

J. Burton Hotchkiss

Mr. Edward M. Gallaudet,

Pres't. College for Deaf-Mutes,

Washington, D. C.

GENERAL TICKET DEPARTMENT,

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Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company,

Baltimore,

July 24 1865

Mr Gallaudet. &

Washington St

Dear Sir: Have your dispatch come  
understand how I made such a blunder. I  
have with me you the ticket for Wheeling  
this is right I knew—

Very Resp  
L. M. C. C.  
C. M. C.



Balt. July 24 '65

Gen Edward

Mr Cole says the  
tickets - was mailed to  
you on Saturday

Yours truly

R. A. M. accents

In haste

Washington, 31 July 1865,  
C. M. Gallaudet Esq  
Suprse,  
Dear Sir,

At the  
request of Mr Edward Carn,  
I enclose you the within note  
of \$500, which is as you will  
see, for the benefit of your  
Institute.

Please acknowledge  
its receipt, and oblige

Yrs respectfully  
C. J. Simpson

E. J. Simpson  
enclosing  
note of \$500  
Ch. post \$500.

Kendall Green July 25/64

For Mr Gallandet Esq

My dear Sir, It is my painful duty to inform you that Mr Fox's infant ceased to breathe at half past eight o'clock last evening.

Yourself and family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral at which will be held at my house tomorrow, at five o'clock P. M.

Yours truly  
Anno Kendall

Present

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# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF STATE CHARITIES,

12, STATE HOUSE,

*Boston, August 2, 1865.*

DEAR SIR,

Our attention has lately been called to the importance of some organization in the United States, both local and national, whose object shall be the discussion of those questions relating to the Sanitary Condition of the People, the Relief, Employment, and Education of the Poor, the Prevention of Crime, the Amelioration of the Criminal Law, the Discipline of Prisons, the Remedial Treatment of the Insane, and those numerous matters of statistical and philanthropic interest which are included under the general head of "Social Science." An association for the consideration of these questions has existed in Great Britain for several years, including among its members many of the most eminent philanthropists and statistical writers of that country. Its published proceedings have been of great service to England and to the world.

Some gentlemen of this city, during the present year, have taken steps to organize such a society for Massachusetts, and will hold a public meeting here on the first WEDNESDAY of October, 1865, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at which the general objects of such an organization will be announced, and papers will be read on special topics. We are so thoroughly convinced of the value of such an

*Column from Introduction for  
The Poor Bank & House  
near Washington, D.C.*



organization, that, at the request of the gentlemen interested, we take the liberty of inviting you to be present at that time, and to give us the benefit of your counsel as to the proposed work of the Social Science League.

It has been suggested that a local society should be established in every State in which there shall be sufficient interest taken, and that these societies shall all be represented, annually, in a National Convention of the League, the proceedings of which shall be published, along with such contributions from the local societies as may be selected.

If unable to attend the proposed meeting, would you be so good as to favor us with your views, by letter, concerning this plan, and in general, in regard to the whole subject, in which, from your known reputation, you are believed to take an interest?

NATHAN ALLEN, *Lowell.*  
EDWARD EARLE, *Worcester.*  
H. B. WHEELWRIGHT, *Taunton.*  
F. B. SANBORN, *Concord.*  
THEODORE METCALF, *Boston.*  
J. C. BLAISDELL, *Fall River.*  
S. G. HOWE, *Boston.*

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
STATE CHARITIES.

Washington D.C. Aug. 3. 1865

E. M. Gallaudet

President of the  
Deaf and Dumb Institution

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Dear Sir!

Your favor of July 29. came to hand to day, just in time, as Mr. Naylor finished putting on his floor of joists to day, and Mr. McCollum is window sill high already (this evening) with the south front wall. — We had one of the most severe storms last Saturday night, with terrible rain flood, a good many new buildings were injured; — we escaped fortunately, not a scaffold board even was displaced. The upper part of the joints on the west wall were somewhat defaced and speckled by the hail and a portion on the east corner joints on the north wall above the spring course of the window arches were washed, and as soon the walls are sufficiently dry I will have all pointed up and made perfectly good. — Mr. Sheperd has finished laying his large sewer pipe, he ran the same down <sup>about 2 ft. beyond</sup> to the old fence at the N. E. corner of the lot (about 300 ft.) it now drains the water from the basement very effectually. —

Your orders for Mr. Naylor will be promptly executed. —

I take before closing the opportunity, to express my most heartfelt sympathy, with you bereavement, I went through the similar ordeal 3 times myself and can therefore judge very accurately the magnitude of the loss of an only son. —

Enclosed you will find the certificate for the second payment. —

I have the honor to be very Respectfully

Your obed. Svt.  
E. S. Friedrich

Please direct;

E. S. F.

Constructing Engineers Office

Navy Yard Washington D. C.

Columbia

Lancaster Co Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1863

Sir

A year ago I wrote to you about my being a State pupil of the Penn<sup>a</sup> Deaf and Dumb Inst<sup>n</sup> for six years and I told you I was not satisfied with my education and I inquired about the College at Washington. I received an answer from you stating the terms and asking me how much I could pay. I hoped there that some of my friends would help me and that I could pay part of the sum you mentioned but I was disappointed. I now write again to inquire if I cloth myself there is any fund by which my board and instruction could be paid I am dependent upon myself. My friends



cannot help me, I have been engaged in bookfolding these two years past, I am afraid if there is no fund by which my board and instruction could be paid I will have to give up hoping ever to enter the College where I can learn more, to satisfy my thirst for knowledge, Sir I hope you will excuse me for writing this and asking you if I can enter the College without pay.

Please to answer this as soon as you can,

Yours Respectful

Lydia A Kennedy

Please to direct your letter to Columbia, Lancaster Co. Pa as I am out here on a visit

Randolph St. Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> / 65

Pres. Gallaudet,

Dear Sir, - It is  
our expectation now to have  
our son Joseph enter the Coll.  
for Deaf & Dumb - in Sept. It is  
a great comfort to us - that such  
prospects for education are open-  
ing for these afflicted ones - &  
I trust we are truly grateful  
to Him who has put it into  
the hearts of good men to  
engage in such a work -  
May His blessing follow you & all  
engaged in it - & crown your  
efforts with abundant success  
I wish my husband & I  
had a share in some  
such good work for the eleva-

tion of the unfortunate. -

Will you please write & tell us what text books he will need. We have many, & some of them may be the ones needed; - & also how much Latin you require for admission to the S. Class, - what Joseph may need to take with him beside the usual clothing. -

The term we understand, commences the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept. At Hartford they had some arrangements by which pupils had half fare tickets. - Will there be any such op. - to H. - by your reaching H. -

We may send him alone to avoid expense, as we have relatives to take charge of him in N. Y. - How shall we direct him to reach you after arriving

in H. Joseph is anticipating much happiness in his new home - & the darkness & gloom of his affliction seems to have dispersed rapidly of late, - so that he is more like the boy he was before his deafness. -

Write very great respect  
Yours truly  
Francis C. Parkinson

Hagerstown Md

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1865O. M. Galental Esq,  
Sir

When Bro Aaron arrived home he was minus trunk clothing &c. and says he thinks they were put sent on if they were put on the Rail Road please write to me and I will see after them before he returns to school

Yours Ver  
Washington Norman  
Hagerstown  
Brush led  
Maryland

## Department of the Interior.

Washington D. C. Aug<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Sir,

The Secretary of the Treasury has by letter under date of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. requested the Secretary of the Interior to furnish him, at as early a day as practicable, and if possible, within ten days from that date, the expenditures of this Department made and absolutely necessary to be made from July 1<sup>st</sup> 1863. to December 31<sup>st</sup> 1863.

Your immediate attention is invited to the subject of the expenditures in that branch of the service under your supervision within the period above named, and you will be pleased to report thereon to this Department at the earliest moment.

I am, Sir very respectfully

Your obt. Servant.

W. J. Otto

Assistant Secretary.

E. M. Gallaudet Esq.  
 Capt Columbia Institution }

Washington D.C. Aug. 18.  
1865

E. M. Gallaudet A. M.  
President of Col. Inst.  
for the Deaf & Dumb

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Sir!

I had the pleasure to receive your kind favor with check enclosed of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. on the 11<sup>th</sup> and paid Mr. Naylor on the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup> the joists of the 2<sup>nd</sup> story had been in place several days previous to that, but as Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Collum had the gap at the end of the hall (in west wall) not closed up nor the damaged joints in the brick work pointed up until the day previous to the arrival of your letter, I was glad it did not come any sooner as I wished for it, nor any later. - The stone cutters commenced yesterday to set the spring course for the window arches on the two fronts, the north wall will be high enough to day to receive the same stone, and by

the middle of next week I expect to send to you the next certificate. —

I was very much mortified about the blunder I made in regard to the last payment, I had neglected to rectify my original memorandum of the payments and in the hurry of dispatching the letter did not think of the \$500 having been taken from this and one other payment each, when the first payment was increased to \$6000; I beg your pardon for this and promise to be more careful hereafter; I was just at that time taken down with an attack of bilious fever, but managed to go to the building all but two days. —

Mr. Naylor is attending to all those small jobs you ordered, the house you had painted and papered I think was being cleaned out to day. —

I shall not send to you the next certificate until I hear from you, either

by letter or if you would just mention to your sister in your next letter to her whether you want me to send the certificate, or perhaps you will return your self by the end of next week, in the latter case I should send no certificate. —

The receipts from Mr. Naylor I have taken according to your directions. —

I have the honor to be very

Respectfully  
Your old. Int.  
C. S. Friedrich

Saturday afternoon August 19.  
Nothing further from Watutown or Washington  
I hope you will stop at least one day  
in Brantford to see my mother.

A Sayer Button factory was burned  
yesterday morning, loss about \$60,000.

Ever Truly Yours  
E. Stephenson

Spamscille, Md. Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 1865-

C. M. Gallaudet Esq

Dear Sir

The conviction that I am not strong enough for the duties of Matron has been forced upon me today. The Dr thinks my nervous system has been shattered and if I expect to regain my health, I must have rest & quiet.

I thought at first I was gaining, but lately have not been well. This is a sudden and un-expected announcement for I do not feel really sick, only languid and despondent. Believing that I should only be in the way will try not let my selfish feelings do you an injustice; so I beg that some one else take my place.

I am now & ever truly &

gratefully yours

Eliza C. Spaul



Clear Spring Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 1865

Mr Edward Gallaudet

Sir

I have to pen you a few facts to inform you that I am making preparations to go to the Columbia Institution on the 7<sup>th</sup> of Sept. Please tell James Cross to meet me at the Depot in the eve.

Very Respectfully

George W. McAtee

P.S. Hon E Davis Senator, has sent me the papers of admittion to the School which I will bring along with me.

G W McA

Winstow, Me. Aug. 31. 1865.

Mr. E. M. Gallaudet:—

Dear Sir:—

I regret  
very much to inform you that I shall  
not be able to enter the College for the Deaf and  
Dumb this year. Two things conspire to produce  
this change in my feelings; the first is that  
my eyes will not under any circumstances permit  
me to pursue the arduous course of study adopted  
in College, and second I have not the means  
to keep me up. Indeed, it is of no possible con-  
sequence if I have not; the world will never  
miss me. I have no fond father to watch over  
me, no doting mother to cheer me up when  
the ~~the~~ battle of life thickens, and black clouds ob-

-secure the way - no loving friend to bind up the  
bruised heart and set me on "my journey's way?"  
yes, all alone in the world save two old women  
who can only offer -

"The falling music of a gracious word,

Or the stray sunshine of a smile."

and pray the Almighty Father to shield the lonely  
one 'neath the shadow of His shining wings. But the  
Holy One has hid his face behind the thunder cloud  
and no ~~strong~~ ray of light falls on the lonely orphans  
thorny pathway. With my friends "all still in death's  
cold embrace" - deserted by my brother man - forsaken  
by my God, I am ready to sink down and mingle  
my ashes with mother earth, and I shall do so without  
regret; the world will lose nothing - to me, it has  
lost its brightness - and death its terrors - the grave its  
victory, and I can go in peace when the call comes.

Although I am disheartened I am not crushed, and ac-  
cordingly have decided to do the best I can, which is to  
go in to the Asylum for another term - Mr. Stone having  
decided to take me back again. I am fully impressed  
with the idea that I do not know enough to undertake  
a Collegiate course with success - I know nothing of Latin

or Greek beyond a few phrases picked up in the  
pulpit - indeed, I do not know anything; such a  
blockhead never "was raised in Down East."

I need hardly say that I have come to a final  
conclusion - "the force of circumstances" are insuperable.

Hoping that you may continue to enjoy the  
blessing of God I will close -

Most Respectfully yours

Albert James Healy.

Letter from E. F. Simpson, 31 July 1865,  
unnumbered, found between # 150 and 151.