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Clark's Gap 1-15-1875

E. M. Gallaudet

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President

I wish to apply
for admission of a Colored girl 13 years
of age - to the Columbia Ins- for Deaf & Dumb.
Her affliction is consequent upon an
illness of Typhoid Fever several years ago.
She is now in excellent health, of light
Color - intelligent - smart. Her parents
have been in my employ for several
years and are as worthy & industrious
as any I know of color.

I have your Circular - on page
17 - Regulations, Clause VII.
(latter part) there is a provision
on which this little girl may be ad-
mitted. She resides 40 miles from
Washington - her parents were slaves.
Can clothe this child - but cannot do

more I think.

Please consider this application and have her admitted if practicable.

When she a resident of Weymouth there would be no difficulty I suppose - such cases are so rare - that I trust there would arise no impropriety in providing for her education in the Institution - at least for a partial course.

There is an institution of the kind in our State of Va at Staunton but am sorry to say no provision for person of color.

Should way open for the admission of this applicant "Mattie Clagett." I want to assure you that I claim to be a responsible applicant, acting in good faith for the child, her parents, and the Cause of Humanity - without any pecuniary interest whatever - and that I should expect & willing to be

the medium of intercourse between the parties.

This earnest appeal comes thro' the Mother of the child & has awakened my interest in the case very much.

Very truly

James M. Walker

Should any reference be required on my part - or any usefulness from me in any way be desirable I shall state so & I will endeavor to comply —

J. M. W.

Waterford 12th Mo 1st 1878
Edward M. Gallaudet-

There is in this little town a Colord family, in every way worthy of our sympathy. They are industrious, Church loving, honest people, in short good Citizens. The old man was wagenr in time of the war for two years for the Federal Army, the old woman goes from house to house and washes for a support. Now those two old people have a house full of children. (Or I might say right) One the subject of my letter is a little bright-girl, quite pretty, and I can truly say one of the smartest little creatures I ever saw. she (Martha Elaggett) was born the 28th of February 1866. In 1868 she had Typhoid fever. The effects of which left her deaf and dumb. Now her parents are very anxious to have her a moderate education. I had heard of your institute, and offered to write to you, and ascertain your most reasonable terms, upon which you would

take her and when? I hope you will be liberal, &
the money will have to be obtained by subscription.
She Martha is a nice little thing. and it would be
a pity to let her grow up in ignorance. I beg
you will try to make your terms suit the old
peoples circumstances. If not very moderate the
whole thing will have to fall through. and that we
ought not allow.

Hoping you will kindly consider
the subject in its most ^{and answer soon} humane light & submit
myself your friend.

Lucy R Schooley.
Waterford
Loudoun County
Virginia

Answer saying we
must charge \$150
Early