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and
adv-^{copying}
with
you
am
writing
Fortress Monroe, Va
Nov 26th 1889.
E. M. Gallaudet, Esq;
Hendall Green, D.C.

Dear friend:-

I take great-
pleasure in receiving your
kind letter from you
last Friday. I am more than
glad to hear from you.
I say yes, I am trying to lead
a christian life. I am well.
I am employed at the
Hygeia Hotel.

I inform you about
my deaf sister, who is nearly
fifteen years old. She ought
be old enough to go to school
next Fall. Yes; her home is in
the state of Virginia. If I
suppose her way ought be
paid, you could send her

to school. I have ever taught
her how to write and read
before she will be ready to
attend to school. She is a
smart girl, who can write
and read so well. She can
speak some words so well.
Yes; she understands my
signs.

I also want to send
a deaf boy to school. He
has no parents and friends.
I take care of him and give
him food and clothes. He
can understand my signs.
He can write and read so
well. He is sixteen years old.
I have ever taught him so
kind. Hoping to hear from
you again.

Yours Respectfully.
Josiah Cuffy.

Friends Monro &

May 24th 1882

Dear Doctor Gallaudet,

51. Your kind letter was duly received and would have been more promptly answered but I hoped to be able to get some money from Joe's Mother. To buy what the boy needed, for it is too bad for you to have any annoyance about his clothing when you are doing so much for him in every way.

I have seen Eliza his mother, and she and all the family are so desperately poor that I cannot get a cent from them. Josiah's Great Grand Mother who has always given him everything he had from here, is now stone blind and has had to give up her garden & poultry and lives now with a grand child; I have known some friends of mine here

the promise of clothing and shoes
and I will endeavor to send some
money to pay for altering the
clothes as I presume they will
be too large for him a

I hope to send a box by express
early next week ..

Very truly yours

Julien A. DeRussy

Fortress Monrovia
March 2nd 1842

Doctor E. M. Gallaudet

Dear Doctor,

I send
by express today a box of clothing that
has been given me by friends and
I have the promise of more and
some money but thought it better
to send this and the dollar which
I enclose now and when I come
get others, send them. I hope these
things will be of service as it is
the best I can do just now for Joseph.
I have not been able to get a cent
from his mother.

Very truly yours,

Julien A. de Rueszy

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Fortress Monroe Va
May 15th 77

John Gallaudet,
Irahi,

I am much
interested in a little colored boy
who is deaf and dumb, he is
very bright, ten years of age
and exceedingly anxious to
learn to read and write. and
through Mrs. E. J. Throp Martin
I have endeavored to get him into
some institution where he could
be taught. Mrs Martin knowing
Mr Bartlett of the Hartford Insti-
tution intimately wrote to him
and in a letter received from him
(which I enclose by permission) he
advises us to apply to you for
admission ~~into~~ to the National In-
stitution in Washington of which you
are the President. May I beg to be

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JOSIAH CUFFY - FORTRESS MONROE

half of this poor little orphan
boy your prompt action and
kind consideration? He is now
living with his great-grand-mother
who is very old and anxious to
place the little fellow where he
will learn to read and write
and become useful to himself and
others. He assists his grand-mother
in gardening but she thinks he
has a great taste for carpenters
work.

Will you be so kind as to reply
at your earliest convenience and
direct to Mrs Helen A. de Russy
Portus Monroe &c.

I am very respectfully yours
Helen A. de Russy

(over)

Fortress Monroe Va
Jan 23rd 1884

Mr E. M. Gallaudet

Dear Mr Gallaudet, Josiah
Cuffy made his appearance this
morning and presented your kind
letter. Which I will keep and use
to get him a situation. I cannot
thank you sufficiently for your
kindness to the poor boy who
would, but for the instruction he
has received at the Institution, have
been like the rest of his family, utterly
ignorant. Now thanks to you he will
be able to earn his living and may
become a useful man. My daughter
Miss Doyle thinks of taking him
back to West Point with her, if she
does not I will try to get a situa-
tion for him away from here,
for I really think it will be better
for the boy, on account of his family.

When I looked at him this morn-
ing and contrasted him with the
poor little ignorant creature that
he was when you took compassion
on him and took him into the in-
stitution for instruction, it seemed
almost like a miracle. What a great
blessing to humanity has been wrought
by the efforts of your family in
behalf of the deaf and dumb.
May you soon receive the crown
you so richly deserve, and may
God continue to bless your efforts in
behalf of the helpless is my sincere prayer.

I am very sincerely yours
Helen A. de Russy

Ans

Old Point Comfort Va
May 29th 1887

Doctor C. M. Gallaudet,

Dear Doctor,

Accept

My sincere thanks for prompt
reply to my application in behalf
of the little colored boy, I hope
the Board of Directors will look
favorably upon the application
and that he will be admitted
at the opening of the Fall
term in September. in the
meantime it will give me
great pleasure to see you should
you visit this place during the
Summer.

Very respectfully yours,

Helen A. deKussy

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Old Point Comfort Va
June 17th 1879

Dear Doctor Gallaudet,

Your favor
is received and I enclose money
order for \$2.65. I have no money
of Jo's so send it myself satisfied
that Katie will pay it if she is
able, and if it is lost, it is in
a good cause. I have not seen her
since the receipt of your letter, the
weather is so warm that she seldom
gets down here now.

Very truly Yours,

Helen A. McKissack

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