

[Letter Horatio King (U.S. Post Office) to Elihu Burritt, November 5, 1887]

P.O. Department

Appt. Office

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My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 2 inst., and in reply, do not hesitate to say that my sympathies are much more strongly with you as regards cheap postage than with the project now brought to my attention.

It has been so long since I have heard directly from you that I began to think you had stricken me from the list of your acquaintances. Last summer, I was repeatedly applied to for a sketch of my humble life, and in a moment, I am inclined to think of weakness, I ventured to write to you on the subject. Not having received any answer, I take it for granted the letter is lost, and, but

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for the credit of the P.O. Dept., could hope it is.

I thank you for your good wishes, as regards my position. But your Connecticut abolitionists, Prof. Silliman & others, by sending their foolish Memorial to me sealed, [underline in original] to deliver to the President—if they had wished to effect my removal—could not have adopted a better plan. I will thank them in future to choose some medium [?] of their own way of thinking.

My oldest son, Horatio, is now on his last year in Dickinson College. Henry, the youngest, is at home. Annie Augusta, tho a full grown young lady, has the good sense still to remain with us. We are all in our normal health.

Very truly yours

Horatio King

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