

rumors which have done him
this mischief.

I shall be glad if any thing
in my power to do, could assist
him in carrying out the good
resolutions he has made.

I have written hastily, late
at night, & may not have
said just what was important
to you, but I wished to give you
my own opinion of the reason why
your son was not admitted to exam-
ination, & also to bear testimony to
his good conduct so far as I know
or am able to learn of him.

I am

Very truly yours

J. Chamberlain

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To
Hon. S. O. J. Smith
Portland

Mountnick April 21st 1859.

Dear Sir,

I have taken some
interest in your son's case, &
I wish to say a word in relation
to his case as it has appeared to me.
During the five months he
was reciting to me, his attention to
study gave me great satisfaction.
The last month of the time he
was not so constant at recitation
as before, owing to his being out of
town. This is the only exception I
can take on the score of attention to
study. He was not quite prepared to
join his class when he left me,
but could easily have finished
what remained in my department,
in a few weeks.

His conduct, so far as I had any opportunity of knowing, was such as to encourage the expectation that he would find no difficulty in being admitted to College again. I heard it remarked by several persons that he had never been doing so well before.

But just as he was about to apply for examination, some reports came to the Faculty - from what source I do not know - which were of such a nature as to forbid his admission, in the judgment of the Faculty.

I told Frank of this as soon as it came to my ears, & was very desirous that he might be able to remove this obstacle to his completion of the College course.

But the impression is still very strong on the part of the Government that the reports have some foundation,

and my view of it is that this is the real reason of his not being admitted to examination.

I have repeatedly stated to the Government the favorable opinion I had formed of your son's conduct while with me, but these reports seem to be of such a nature as not to be affected by my own knowledge or opinion of his deportment.

I think there is no other reason of any importance why he is excluded from examination but these stories, & they seem to have got such a footing here that they seriously affect his reputation, though no one, it appears, has any positive knowledge or proof against him. I regret exceedingly that it has turned out so for him, but I suppose now he will have to build up a character & so live down these

