

York, Maine.
Aug. 11th/65

Maj. Genl. J. L. Chamberlain,
Scar. Hi.

After seeing you,
I had an opportunity of meeting the Alumni
of Bowdoin, & of saying something in reference
to the valiant & heroic deeds of your Antislavery
You name was not forgotten - I delivered my-
self in broad terms of commendation - If I
put it on thick, you modestly need not blush -
for you were not present - Something had been said
to me, about speaking the night before - but so
much time was taken up by the good Professor,
in talking about Scandals & Thermopylae - & by
P. Chandler on Negro suffrage, that no opportunity
was given for my assignments - so far as I was
concerned, it is no matter, but the commenda-
tion that I could have given to the Sons of Bow-
doin, from your years acquaintance might have
been timely - as regards so, at any rate, as
Negro suffrage. It would have been fitting to
have had these commendations bestowed before
that episode openly - in the presence of Genl. Grant

No help for it now - but I made up for
it, the next morning - as I was determined to
let them know what I thought of you -

Upon my return, I immediately wrote
to Dr. Poughke of Fittysburg - with reference
to yourself - Mrs. T. Carson, the daughter of Mrs.
Hunt, now visiting her mother, told me, that
the commencement at Fittysburg was on
the 2^d Week of May. Of course, no time was
to be taken in forwarding my petition - & I ex-
plained to the Rev. President, that I "could not
forward the signatures of distant, & well
known names in favor of my request, owing
to the information received from Mrs. Carson, as
to the time of commencement." Mrs. Carson
wrote by the same Mail to her husband,
urging him to call, at once, on Dr. Poughke
explaining matters, & informing him that
the writer John R. Adams (no Major General - or,
of like eminence) had influence to secure signa-
tures, if time had permitted -

This was all that we could do - If the good
Dr. did stumble & hesitate, because he did not

know who the said John R. Adams is, I
can only say, he ought to know also Major Genl.
J. L. Chamblain is, & that is all that is
needed.

My dear Genl, I want to see you, &
confer with you, about some of my plans.
Shall you not be in Portland soon - a visit
is better, can you not come & visit me in
Fittysburg? Or shall you be in Boston -
with, that I may spend an hour with you
there? "

I hear the Car whistles - & the Mail
will drive on.

In great haste, but truly

"Yours friend,

John R. Adams.

My best respects to Mrs. C.