

money may accomplish, that
where the desire is, also the
ability in a measure, it ought
to be gratified.

Be a favor then to one of the
most afflicted of slaves, & best
will give to the above considera-
tion, and if that be given with
the same mind in which it was
sent, then, I shall be happy
most respectfully,

Isaac E. Eaton

Washington

D. C.

care of Bay P. Eaton

Payroll Office

Treasury Department.

I would like a reply as early
as convenient.

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To the Excellency Gov. Chamberlain.

Waiting in Washington by the
kind invitation of a wounded brother,
wounded and deprived of an arm
in the battle before Petersburg,
and seeing the hundreds of women
young and old, worthy and un-
worthy, who receive employment
at the hands of the government,
and knowing by observation that
the qualifications are such that
a person with any intelligence
would blush not to possess, I
most humbly beg that you will
ask Miss Farnsworth for me as a
resident of Maine, one of the

village of Brunsmick. Ability with
out influence is met with cold re-
pulses; you to be sure would give
nothing but the satisfaction of
pursuing them in the way of inde-
pendence. If parents who have ad-
vanted children through seventeen
years of their lives become no
return, than let the name die
out. It is like a consuming fire
in the heart to see money thrown
away to those whose positions are
mere sine cures while another
with the same would gladden
many a heart. During all our
sojourn in Bath we removed
to Brunsmick about two and a
half years since - friends of the
late Mrs. David Shaw: a woman
long to be remembered in Dr.
Adams' church. I have also a
brother in college, but just turn-
ed eighteen, Thomas Henry Eaton.

by name, a junior at present one
of the youngest in his class, and
if the reports of his Professors to
us his friends are true, he has
attained a rank first secondary
in recitation and deportment
surpassed by none, at least by
few. Our family is also well
known to Rev. Whittlesey formerly
our pastor for ten or twelve years
and he could tell you that the
family are worthy. I give you this
much as a proof.

Whatever Rev. Chamberlain
should ask of the Government
either for himself or others in his
State could not be denied.

I should prefer copying in the
Patent Office or a similar em-
ployment; there, the salary depends
upon the work done. One sees
so much in this world that