

To the Honorable  
 Senate of the State of New York  
 Albany, January 1st 1856  
 I have the honor to acknowledge  
 the receipt of your favor of the  
 28th inst. and in reply to inform  
 you that the same has been  
 forwarded to the proper  
 authorities for their consideration.  
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Yours, Sir, very obediently,  
 John A. [Name]

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1862  
Dear Mother  
I received your kind letter  
of the 10th and was glad to  
hear from you and to hear  
that you were all well. I  
am well at present and  
hope these few lines will  
find you all the same.  
I have not much news to  
write at present. I am  
still at school and  
will be home in a few  
days. I will write again  
when I hear from you.  
I love you all very much  
and hope to see you  
soon.  
Your affectionate son,  
John Smith

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I have been at school a  
 long time and I have  
 learned a great deal  
 but I do not know  
 much more than I  
 did before. I have  
 learned to read and  
 write and I have  
 learned to do some  
 of the things that  
 I used to do. I have  
 learned to be a  
 man.

[Redacted]  
 [Redacted]

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 a man. I have learned  
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