

Hon. J.H. Caldwell,
Washington City,

Dear John:

It has been, as you can well imagine, a hard question to decide what to do in Bassetts' case. We have concluded, however, not to make further efforts to place him in the Academy. I write to avoid any delay in making another nomination, and to thank you very sincerely for your efforts in our behalf. I shall never think of the subject without a grateful recollection of your kindness & friendly solicitude: and, remember, John, I never

forget a favor to me or mine. Verbum sat.

If you can send in the name of young Hopkins you will oblige a great many us - make "a host of friends". He is a youth of intelligence, cultivation and energy. I am assured that he can, in all probability, pass his examination without difficulty, and is likely to do credit to himself and the District. A great many North Ala. people will feel obliged by his nomination. Tom. White, Ward Brandon, Dr Bassett & others have asked me to write in his behalf.

Have been closely confined at home, since my return. My son, all of us - write in kindest regards.

Very truly, Yr. Friend
D.B. Young
Huntsville, July 18th

Hon. J. H. Caldwell [John H. Caldwell]
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