

[1884-02-05; letter to Nathan Sears from Mrs. Abraham Chapman; no envelope:]

East Dennis feb 5. 1884.

Capt Sears

Dear Sir I Wish to consult you in regard to Alfred, getting a chance to get work in Greely. Mr. Charles Hall. has promised him Work and also Mr Asa Ames if they will go out to Idaho With Mr. James Freeman Howes, Capt Weffer, and Mr Ames, and Alfred have all talked with James Freeman he encourages them to go, offering them good wages. they had decided to go. last Evening I came home from the reading club my husband told me he had been up to the Post office and Mr Hall had been talking with him. said he thought they would do much better if they did not go so far West he said they would have to work with the very roughest of men there would be no good society nor any chance for them to advance [page] he said it was very cold there the year around that last spring they could not work until May on acount of it. Mr Howes tells them they can work all the year. Mr Hall mentioned a good many places he thought they would do mbetter to go to, among them was Greely, he said there were a good many Eastern People there. he said if Mr Ames and Alfred would hire them selves out there to do somthing if it was driving a team, or in a lumber yard, and then bye and bye go in some kind of business to gether. it would be two or three weeks or more before they would go out there Mr Ames told me this morning if he and Alfred could know of a chance to get work before they left home they would not go way out there. now, What I want is to know if your Will do them so great a favor as to get them a chance to do somthing. I thought perhaps Mr Spears, or some acquaintance of his, might [page] know of som thing they could do. if they could know of somthing, then they need not be on expense, looking work.

Henry Chapman said he thought James Freeman was encouraging them to go as it was lonesome for him as Mr Hall. was there but little, and then James Freeman, Henry says, is not such a man, as they ought to go out there with. I am very anxious for Alfred to do well and I could sleep but little last night thinking about it and resolved this morning I would write you. I should not feel so bad if there was any thing here for them to do and neither of them want to go to Sea. please excuse the liberty I have taken and answer soon. Henry advises there going West thinks a young man stands a better chance there then he would here.

yours With respect

Mrs Abraham Chapman



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