Boston, December 14th, 1846,
No. 152 Washington Street.

Dear Sir,

The Commissioners appointed by the Governor and Council for ascertaining the number and condition of the Idiots in this Commonwealth, addressed a Circular to all the Town Clerks in July last.

No return has been had from your town, and as it is of much importance to the cause of humanity that the necessary information be speedily gathered, you will confer a favor upon the undersigned if you will cause the blanks in the enclosed Circular to be filled up, and bring the same with you to Boston, or send it by mail.

It is desirable to know not only how many Idiots are at the public charge, but likewise the whole number in each town. It is also desirable to have as much information about each case, as is possible. Any assistance that you may render will be gratefully acknowledged by,

Your friend,

S. G. Howe.