to the south without having effected that very desirable object. One or two obstacles may present, but they may not prove insurmountable. I have obtained certificate of study for two years & nine months, having somewhat stretched the time, but this is pardonable in one who is anxious to return home. Of Dr Phelps I have a certificate for eighteen months — one of another individual one for one year, his name you are well acquainted with.

In the examination I look for no other indulgence from the faculty than that of pardoning my ignorance of Latin. (I undertook its acquisition but for want of instruction learnt barely enough to 'render darkness visible.') in every thing else I am willing to submit to a rigorous examination.

I am enabled to rank with the senior class composed of students who have studied three from & in two instances five years: it requires an effort to keep pace, but so far I have succeeded; night and day I am occupied, and until the 'Rubicon is passed' a I fait in the attempt shall have no time for rest.

Having perhaps wearied you with this subject to your revocation, I must now beg that you will if possible forward me the amount mentioned by Dr Hall. Should it be considered as rather a large sum, please bear in mind, that I entertain hopes of accomplishing in a little over two years, that object for which time was allowed me. That I should arrive at a near perfection cannot be expected: but I hope to have in possession the fundamental principles of the science that on which we may say the whole superstructure may be erected; it then remains for me hereafter, with or without any other guidance than that derived from medical works, to prosecute the study, experience and that alone will ever enable me to judge whether or not the theory of the science is correct.

In the account on the opposite page you will notice some additional expences but I shall be just to proving my object met with success. Very Respectfully yr Obdt Servt

Saml. F. McGill

In addition to ~~that~~ summary I endure you by Dr Hall please annex the following.—

Due for admission into Dr Murpays class	$10.00
Do do do into Chemical class	5.00
The Graduating fee in case of success	18.00
	$33.40

Expences for last quarter ending Aug 1. 1838

13 1/2 Wks Board & Washing	$27.00
Amt pd bringing subject from Boston	4.59
" " Bill of Clothing	36.28
" " N. C. Goddard's Bill Stationary	3.00
Incidental	2.05
	$72.92

Hanover Aug 11. 1838

Please let me hear from you as early as convenient as I am terribly pestered with duns —

Yours Obdt Servt

S McGill

To
Rev Jno A Easter
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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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