curiosity only, is my motive; believing that by the aid of Providence and a good will, I could not only serve your Society as faithfully, but could venture among as many dangers as any other traveller to that country. But, anxious as I am to prosecute this valuable service, I request to say that, without employment being given me or a duty assigned me in some capacity or another, I could not carry my donations to that extent and over that wide field which such an noble patron as you [illegible] and your Society might enable me to do. In advance of these letters of recommendation which in case you shall employ me, I will have to you, it may be proper to state that my education has been both collegiate and professional. If my expenses are defrayed and a salary furnished, I would not have any other compensation if the duty required of me was required a journey to be made in any of the remote parts of Africa; but if the employment assigned should require me to remain in [illegible]

I should gladly accept of any compensation you or your Society might think proper or convenient to allow me. I beg leave sir to plead myself (if a stranger) plead of worth aught save the integrity which I write it) that I wish not merely to become your company's servant in any capacity however humble, whether mental or practical labor; that I will, if employed, exert every energy and spare no pains to fulfil the duties that may be imposed upon me; and that I will proceed to any point of departure, either immediately (that would prefer) the first of April next; and that I will also bring to or send my letters of recommendation; or refer you to Mr J. H. Bevier and J. B. Kinz at Washington city, with whom I have had the honor of having been politically associated in this state. I have as an entire stranger thought proper to address you, knowing your high character & influence; and I trust that you will pardon the liberty I have taken, and be able to assign me some employment in Africa where I may become useful to your society, and gain the information I so much desire.

Hoping to hear from you I remain Very truly Your obt. Servant. Engler H. Young

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A. Letter Books

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