

Toronto Canada West Jan 7 1863

*To His Excellency Abraham Lincoln
President of the U.S.*

Sir,

Having seen that it is intended to garrison the U.S. forts with coloured troops, I beg leave to apply to you for an appointment as surgeon to some of the coloured regiments, or as physician to some of the depots of "freedmen." I was compelled to leave my native country, and come to this on account of prejudice against colour, for the purpose of obtaining a knowledge of my profession, and having accomplished that object, at one of the principle educational institutions of this Province, I am now prepared to practice it, and would like to be in a position where I can be of use to my race.

If you will take the matter into favorable consideration, I am given satisfactory references as to character and qualification from some of the most distinguished members of the profession in this city where I have been in practice for about six years.

I remain sir

Yours very respectfully

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*(Transcript of Letter from Alexander T. August to President Abraham Lincoln, January 7, 1863,
Courtesy National Archives and Records Administration)*