

Buffalo November 26<sup>th</sup> 1851

Sir:

On the Twentyfifth of August, I applied for permission to appear before the next Army Medical Board, as a candidate for admission into the Medical Staff of the Army. A few days after, I was informed that I would receive an invitation.

In the early part of September, I became ill; and on the Tenth of that month, I addressed a letter to the Secretary of War, withdrawing my application, "for the present," signifying, however, my intention to renew it, at the earliest opportunity. In this letter, I must have expressed myself so poorly as to have been misunderstood; for, a short time since, I received the regular notice from the Secretary of War, permitting me to present myself for examination by the Board now in session. I have not yet fully recovered my health, and, in consequence, have been unable to attend. I have written to Surgeon Thomas G. Mower, President of the Board, stating the reason of my absence, and am informed that, in order to secure the privilege of appearing at another time, I must address my request to you. I request, therefore, that my name be

continued on the List of candidates for examination  
by a future Board.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,  
Your Obedt. Servt.  
Albert J. Myer

To

Brig. Gen. Th. Lawson,  
Surgeon General U. S. Army,  
Washington D.C.