

Annapolis Md  
July 11th 1850

Sir

I acknowledge, with becoming pride & pleasure, the receipt of your official letter containing copies of resolutions passed by the General Assembly of Maryland. To receive the thanks of my native state through her distinguished Chief Magistrate cannot but be gratifying to my feelings; and although I dare not flatter myself that I have done any thing to merit such an act of kind consideration from the Legislature of Maryland, I hope I may be thereby stimulated to still further efforts, to hold up and maintain the honor of my state in peace and in war by a faithful discharge of my duties as a public officer.

With sentiments of high consideration I remain  
your Obedt Servant  
(Signed) Norman Prokney  
Surgeon U.S.A.

His Excellency  
Philip F. Thomas  
Governor of Maryland

State Department  
Annapolis Md  
18th July 1850

Sir

You will please receive in the Pennsylvania Institution as a pupil of the State of Maryland for the period of seven years, or until otherwise ordered, Amelia Lutz a deaf mute of seven years of age who is a native of the city of Baltimore

I have the honor to be  
very respectfully  
Philip F. Thomas

A. B. Austin  
Principal of the Penna  
Institution for the Deaf & Dumb  
Philadelphia