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Dec. 1 - 1894

My Dear Mr. Dunbar:

Your letter of recent date
with letters and telegrams from Mr. Shearer at hand,
On Sept. 13 - 1894. Mr. Shearer wrote you a
letter in which he engaged you at \$25⁰⁰
If you accepted this engagement in
any way, by letter or otherwise, a
contract was formed between you. It is
not necessary that the contract should be
drawn in a formal manner. It can
be made by letter as this one seems to
have been done. If you desire I will
write Mr. Shearer that you stand ready to fulfill
your part of the contract and expect you
say whether he sees fit to send you

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out or not. You will understand
 that it devolves upon you to make
 an effort to earn what you can and
 deduct same from amount owing by Shaver.
 The difficulty now is that his letter does not
 mention any fixed time you were to work
 but says probably for season. Think he
 will be glad to pay you something to be
 released. What has he written since receiving
 his last letter?

Enclosed find letter from Dr. Parkfield. Please
 return it to me as has not answered.
 When I called upon Mr. Tolentin who had
 agreed to be one of the number to advance
 \$500 per year. He said that he had
 just pledged \$1000 to help a colored girl
 and would be excused from his promise.

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Stopped at Oberlin a few days since
and talked with the President of the College.
He did not offer as much encouragement
as did Dr. Parkford.

Will do what I can to find other
do that you may be successful by
first of the year.
It seems as though you might make
some very good readings
during the month.

Let me hear from you about
the Oberlin matter.

Truly yours,
C. A. Thatcher.

Partial Transcription

Chas. A. Thatcher to PLD Dec. 1, 1894

Your letter of receipt date with letter and telegram from Mr. Shearer at hand. On Sept. 13, 1894 Mr. Shearer wrote you a letter in which he engaged you at \$25.00. If you accepted this engagement in any way by letter or otherwise a contract was formed between you. It is not necessary that the contract should be drawn in a formal manner. It can be made by letter as this as seems to have been done. If you desire I will write Mr. Shearer that you stand ready to fulfill your part of the contract and expect your pay whether he sees fit to send you out or not. You will understand that it devolves upon you to make an effort to earn what you can and deduct same from amount owing by Mr. Shearer. The difficulty now is that his letter does not mention any fixed time you were to work but says probably for season. Think he will be glad to pay you something to be released. What have you written since receiving his last letter? [...]" [Thatcher also refers to writing to college presidents on PLD's behalf and even travelling to Oberlin and talking with the president there about him, though the Oberlin official was not encouraging.]