

S. C. ARMSTRONG, PRINCIPAL;

J. F. B. MARSHALL, TREASURER.

Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute.

Lynn, Mass. Aug. 15th 1878
Hampton, Va.

Dear Captain

Your of the
13th recd.

I think it
 would be an excellent idea
 for you to write to the
 Com^{rs} of Indian Affairs,
 telling frankly your ideas,
 (don't go in strong about girls)
 about the Hampton Scheme
 saying if you like, that I
 urged you to write to him
 & that I told you I
 had applied to Sec. Selig
 to have you sent to

Collect the Indians, bring
them to Hampton & remain
till Jan. 1st 1879.

A direct frank
letter would be the best
thing, expressing your
interest & desire to help
& that you think you can
work the thing without
misunderstanding ^{as far as the Indians} & make
it go smoothly by being for
a while at Hampton

The truth is
Hayt is anxious to
be spending some of the
\$60,000, or given by
Congress to educate

Indians at special schools & he is
liking the plan you like the more
for him.

You might then easily write
to Mr. Greely, the General Agent, & beg
him to favor you taking him down you
to call for stating that your ^{desire} ~~purpose~~ is
you to discuss and give the help you
can.

Very sincerely
Yours
Wm. A. M. ^{and yourself} ~~best~~ for you

Kind expressions of sympathy. I am certainly
blest in my friends. I want to be too dumb
for being a cork like mine to throw
myself into when my sweet wife
shall have entered the "Valley of the Shadows"
from whose borders he is not far
Farewell
J. Armstrong.