

Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute.

Hampton, Va., Jan 16 1883

Dear Captain:

Yours of the 15th is received.
I must hasten to say that when things come to a crisis I will at every time go to Washington & "lobby" for you - see men &c &c.

I shall send your letter to me to Genl Canby, U.S. Senator, to read, confidentially, asking him to be ready to help and telling him that I, as well as you, look with eager hopefulness to the change that the Democrats may make in the house; and shall declare that a thorough examination should be made into

an respectful work - Carlisle especially

Mrs. Lincoln has answered
my letters & shown an excellent
spirit & regard - The difficulty is
I believe with Ryan, in the House

Things are not right. We
refer and go on as for tradition
his living, & manuscripts are
refused.

It is too bad you have such
a needless load to carry - we must
look to the Democrats.

Sincerely yours
C. C. Smith