

Rochester, N.Y. April 29<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Wm: Charles Sumner.

Dear Sir: Allow me to introduce to your kind notice my son Lewis A. Douglass. He was born in Massachusetts, served as Sergeant Major in the 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts under the Command Col: Shaw, took part in the memorable and disastrous, though glorious assault on Fort Wagner, and was long under fire on Morris Island. His health having broken down in the service, he was honorably discharged. His object now is to obtain, if possible a Clerkship, in the newly created Bureau for Freedmen.

Anything you can do for him in that direction will be highly appreciated and most gratefully remembered both by him and by your friend

Fredrick Douglass.

The friends of freedom, all over the Country have looked to you, and Confided in you, of all men in the U.S. Senate, during all this terrible war. They will look to you all the more now that peace draws, and the final settlement of our national troubles is at hand. God grant you strength equal to your day and your duties, is my prayer and that of millions.

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