

P.S. I think that Furgerson will have to have \$90 a month in New York. So I have allowed him to put it so on his September voucher. I shall have to crowd it out of the pendulum work, as best I can. I had hoped to complete the work connected with the European Expedition this fiscal year but I don't believe now there will be funds to make the necessary experiments.

Please telegraph reply to this letter as it is of great consequence to me to know immediately, whether I can take given rooms or not.

Cambridge 1876 Oct 10

Dear Sir

According to your wish, I shall pack up my boxes this week, ready to start for New York before its close.

It still remains doubtful, however, whether it will be possible for me to live there in such a way as to do the work properly. I have hitherto been obliged to pay for the rent, heating, etc of my own office. I shall no longer be able to do that, especially in the most expensive city in the world. My office ought to be in the same house with my sleeping room, so that I can work there at night. Indeed, that is absolute

By essential, if I am to have an office, and I couldn't undertake to do the work on ~~the~~ conditions which would compel me to vacate my office at night.

I trust therefore you will not find it an unreasonable request that I ask the survey to pay \$40 per month for the rent of rooms for my office, and also that it pay for fire and lights in them.

The office should consist of two rooms, - one a large one. It should be carpeted. I already have some office furniture - viz: - one chair, one wardrobe, two book cases. I should like in addition, one handsome & large office table, two other tables, several

chairs, a sofa, etc. If permitted to purchase these things, I would do so without extravagance; but I don't know what they would cost. I suppose quite within \$500.

If I am expected to do any of the work, I suppose a clerk would be allowed me, but what grade of clerk would depend on whether the work to be done there is, or which I haven't a very definite idea as yet.

I know you will consider, my dear chief, that New York is a very expensive place, & will do what you properly can to facilitate my getting along there! Yours very respectfully,
C. P. Patterson-Sage
Semi U. S. Commissioner,
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