

Dear Sir,

Several acquaintances of mine have informed me of certain reports being circulated for the purpose of misrepresenting me in this community; the reports I have heard are false, I have lived in Vicinity of Auburn many years, and there are persons in this Vicinity who also knew me in the Eastern States, I have never committed anything dishonorable while here, - nothing I am ashamed of. I have not written ^{any} petition ^{for the Post Office} as a heading to a list of names - I made application - as a Mexican Veteran Soldier - by letter to President Cleveland before any one applied, received answer dated March 25th 1885 - the month he took his seat in Presidential Chair - Should I receive appointment it would be as a Soldier - not political - I was informed by Ex Senator Filcher if I did not resign in favor of Jas. E. Walsh - they would make me trouble - I did not resign - this is the cause of my great dishonor - man is of few days and full of trouble - let the trouble go on I can stand it - I was here before the boomers of detraction - I might be after - I have a Mother and a family dependent, and have served my Country at its Call, and if there is anything - Shall not sacrifice myself to any young man who calls me a hypocrite for believing God rules the destiny of man

Resptly yours

Wm. M. Hubbard

Auburn Jan 9th 1888

To cheerfully assert to any who are unacquainted with
Mr. J. W. Hubbell that he stands in this community as
having always been an exemplary worthy resident,
and is one of the oldest citizens of the Town of
Auburn and commands the good will and
respect of the Community at large.

(This is the heading written by Jas. E. Walsh) and filed at
Washington Post Office Department ^{aug 1885}
Respectfully
J. W. Hubbell