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Pres. M. H. Buckham,

Burlington, Vt.

My Dear President: With my colleague, Senator Edmunds, I called upon the Secretary of War this morning and, perhaps fortunately, found him off attending to his coming wedding. Then we went to the Executive mansion and I told the President that I had got the bill for the national colleges thro' in 1862, that I had been working for six years trying to get the