

Gentlemen

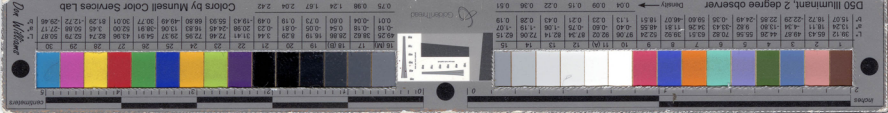
Philadelphia, January 27. 1785

As one of the administrators to the estate of our late friend Mr. Robert Bell, I undertook the selling of his books by auction; since the commencement of those sales many Gentlemen have apply'd to me, requesting I would continue the business. After duly considering the matter I have come to a determination of following it in the same mode as practised by him. In pursuance of that plan I now take the liberty of applying to you, Gentlemen, to request that you will be pleased to admit me as a tenant to the store, belonging to you, as soon as the sales of our late worthy friend's property are closed.

I shall be much obliged to you, if you will inform me, as soon as possible, at what rent you will let the store, and for how many years you will grant the lease, as I mean to make some considerable improvements upon the premises, if I am so fortunate as to meet with your approbation. — I am, Gentlemen,

Your most humble servant

Edward Allen



Dear Sir,

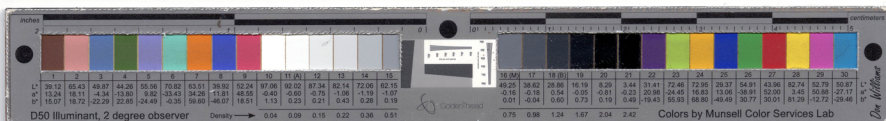
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the application for a license to the undersigned, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John W. Patterson

James W. H.

To the
Honorable
The
Director
of the
Bureau of
Land Management
Washington, D.C.

Received of the
Bureau of Land Management
the sum of \$100.00
for the purchase of
the land described in
the accompanying
application.



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To
The Directors
of the Public Library company
at
Philadelphia

From Edward Allen.
January 27, 1785.
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