

Ithaca Decr 18. 1868

B. R Williams Esq

Chief Engineer. Fire Dept.

My Dear Sir -

I desire to express to you, and through you to the firmness of Ithaca, my high appreciation of the valuable and disinterested services they so promptly and cheerfully perform, in protecting the property of our citizens from the ravages of fire.

I also deeply sympathize with them in the hardships and vexation arising from the false alarm of the other evening which called ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup> forth at midnight, and regret exceedingly that the folly of thoughtless youth should thus multiply their labors -

I hope that such an occurrence

will never again disturb your  
Slumbers,

Please accept the enclosed  
hundred dollars for the firmness  
of Ithaca, as a small token of  
my regard,

Yours Respectfully  
Erva Cornell