

To his excellency Albion K. Jarvis, Gov<sup>t</sup> of the Honorable  
Council of the State of Maine.

Stephen Doughty a native citizen of Brunswick  
respectfully represents that his daughter Abigail Doughty  
aged fourteen years is deaf & dumb - that she is  
a child of good capacity & is desirous of receiving  
an education - that her parents are very solicitous  
that she should be instructed in the principles of the  
Christian religion - that she should know she has a  
social & the value of it, & receive such an education  
& instruction as shall enable her to become a useful  
& reputable member of the community. - He would  
also represent that he is in indigent circumstances,  
& has a large family depending on his labor for the  
supply of all their wants.

He therefore respectfully petitions that his daughter  
may be placed at the Hartford Asylum under  
the patronage of the State & receive such pecuniary  
assistance as the Gov<sup>t</sup> & Council are authorized by  
the Legislature to afford. -

By the assistance of his friends he is assured  
that he shall be able to keep her suitably clothed  
& can if necessary send her to Hartford. -

The necessary witnesses of her capacity & his  
inability to educate her accompany this petition.  
Brunswick June 11. 1825. Stephen Doughty