

March 18<sup>th</sup> 1839 —

Dear Sir I had determined, not to offer, for a degree at the close of this  
session - but a letter received by the last mail, from my father,  
induces me to address you a note, in relation to this subject.  
He seems to be peculiarly anxious, that I should graduate, I  
therefore, ask you to counsel me in this matter, & will cheer-  
fully acquiesce in your suggestions - It is doubtful whether  
I can obtain a certificate on Political Economy or not, as  
I only attended the review - at the same time, I will say to  
you, that I have a copy of all the notes taken upon Mr  
Dew's lectures, & will study them maturely, if that will suffice.  
My object is to ascertain whether the difficulty arising from  
the want of a certificate on Political Economy, can not be  
obviated in some way - if it can, I will immediately take  
the Metaphysical class & endeavor to prepare for the examination.  
The solicitude of my friends impels me to throw myself upon your  
charity, & ask you to advise me upon this important subject.  
If you will aid me, in removing the obstacles above mentioned, I  
will promise you, that my undivided attention, shall be bestow-  
ed upon my studies - I trust the faculty will extend this indulgence  
to me, as I did not know, until some time after my arrival here,  
that so much was requisite to a degree - My object for writing is  
to give you a little time for reflection &c - You will please determine  
by our next meeting, whether my application would be of any avail  
with the faculty or otherwise - It is with unfeigned diffidence that  
I make this request, as I <sup>am</sup> conscious such are my unusual. I trust how-  
ever, that my motives will be duly appreciated. Adieu -

Your Pupil  
S. W. Morris



*Judge*

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