
To the Honorable, The members of the National Academy of Science.

Mr. President & gentlemen,

I desire, respectfully, to announce formally, to your Honorable Body, tho' I presume it is generally known, that I claim to have developed, what I think will be admitted to be, an exact science of advance computation of all possible changes, conditions, aspects of the Weather, & hold myself not only ready, but under obligations to demonstrate its truth to the satisfaction of the most critical & exact scientists. You will cheerfully allow, if this be true, that 40 years of close & conscientious work to give it a correctness worthy the approval.
If the scientists of the 19th century should entitle me to the kindly sympathy, aid & cooperation of scientific toilers & especially of your Hon'ly distinguished Body. It is with a deep sense of my great need of these, that I make this formal statement to your Body. I crave the favor of an interview with a Special Committee appointed for the purpose, in time to enable you to give the subject deliberate consideration, as well as to take such action, as a Body or individually, as you may deem it worthy to receive at your hands.

Ever & truly,

Gentlemen, Yours,

Francis L. Capens

(C.S. My Address is this City, O. C. Wash. D.C.)