

At Rhodisland, where I propose entering, the expenses  
by calculation will amount to about 300 dollars, as I  
expect to enter one year formore, and that sum, together  
with <sup>what</sup> I could earn during vacations. I presume would  
be sufficient to pay all expenses.

Should you, therefore think it compatible with your own  
feelings, to assist me in climbing the slippery pathes  
of science, I will not promise to pay the debt of grati-  
tude due to such a benefactor, but will sufficiently  
repay every pecuniary expence, should my life and  
health be continued. Not being personally acquainted  
with you, but hearing of some acts of your liberality  
I have dared thus to address you. Should it meet  
your approbation, you will much oblige your sincere  
friend and humble servant; otherwise you will  
receive his cordial thanks for the trouble of reading  
this and returning a short answer to

Samuel Glidden

Bath August 28, 1812