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Detroit, Mich., July, 1, 1897.

Mr. H. C. McDowell,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 28th ult. received, and I have this day named Oratorio as a substitute for the original nomination of C. W. Williams' bay mare, Anne Allerton, in the M. and M. stake, \$10,000, 2-24 class trotting, at our summer meeting, July 13th to 23rd. You request me to advise you if he is eligible to start: Regarding that matter if he has no record better than 23 1/4 prior to April 1st, 1897, he is certainly eligible. I do not find in the Year book any record faster than that credited to him.

In prior years where substitutions have been made it has been the custom to allow the original nominator's name to carry the substituted horse; however, it is possible that that custom may be changed this year, and in the event that it does I will take pleasure in placing your name as being the nominator of Oratorio.

I have just received letter from Mr. Williams enclosing your Draft for \$750.00, and same has been placed to the credit of your nomination.

Very truly yours,

J. M. Campbell.
Secretary.