

Newark Dec 17th 1833

My dear Sir,



This will be handed to you by Lieut.
Nicholson of the Marine Corps, acting as
Captain on this Station. He goes to
Washington to present the message of a Bill
for the better regulation of the Marine Corps.
The provisions of this bill appear to me to be
extremely judicious, and calculated not merely to
benefit his present corps, but to benefit the
whole Marine generally; and to promote a
spirit of harmony between its branches. Should
his views meet with your approbation I would
submit for ~~the~~ Lieut. Nicholson your views

offer and would recommend him, but on his

offer of private capacity as a gentleman

worthy of every attention

I am very dear to

our very truly yours

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