

Sir Permit Me to Request your Honours
Recollection of Col: James Cannon of
Cherry Valley in the County of Otsego
who had the honour to be acquainted
with you when serving in the Assembly
with you in the City of New York which
Influences Me to take the liberty of -
communicating My sentiments to
you in the following Manner viz -
That My Inclination leads Me to offer
My services in the present Existing
War Between the United States of America
and Great Britain as I have served as
a commissioned officer in the late
Revolutionary war great part thereof
the last three years of that war I served
as a Captain in the American Army
and since the termination of that war
I have served as a Col: of a Regiment
of Militia in the Counties of Montgomery
and Otsego for many years and also
have served in many Civil offices as
well Legislative as Judicial that from
the Experience I have had in Military

Pursuits I flatter My self I May yet be of service
to My nation and My Country so Dear to
My self whose Independance I aided in the
Establishment thereof at the Hazard of My
Life. now sir I ask the favour of your Influence
With the Honourable the Senate of the United
States to favour Me with an Appointment
as a Colonel in the Armies of the United
States of America as I feel Much Interested
in favour of the present Existing war
which I truly deem to be just and Equitable
I therefore am willing to exert My self in
oppressing the Enemies of My Country to
the utmost of My power Dear Sir your
compliance of this My Humble Request
I shall except as a peculiar favour &

I Have the Honour to be with
very Sentiments of Esteem
And Veneration Sir your
Friend and Very Humble

Cherry Valley Servant
Otsego County James Cassman
State of New York
January 20th 1813 }

The Honourable Pierre Van Buren Esq.
Representative in Congress

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The Honourable Sir ^{Wm} Van Courtland
Esquire Representative
In Congress at the City
of
Washington

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