

New York Feb. 18th 1813

Dear Sir

Not having the Honor of so much acquaintance with any of our Members in Congress as I have with you, I have therefore taken the liberty to trouble you with a few lines - to beg the favor of you to aid me in an application I have made to the Secretary of the Navy for the appointment, as a Midshipman in Our Navy, for my Son Barnabas Swartrout, who is about fourteen years old, who I think (pardon me) will never disgrace himself or profession - he is very desirous to serve his Country in this situation - you will therefore Sir. Confer an obligation on me, if you will take the trouble to call on the Secretary of the Navy and speak a word or two in his favor & as to my Character I which I have no doubt will ensure ^{Success to} the application -

I am Sir. with Consideration of great respect

Your obed^t & very Hum^l serv^t

B. Swartrout Jun^r

The Hon. Peter B. Cadwalader Esq^r

if not too much trouble, Sir - please to send me a few lines as to the prospect or not, of his succeeding in getting the appointment.



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To the Hon. Peirce F. Cortlandt Junr
Member in Congress. from N York

at the City of Washington



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