

New York, Oct 10th 1894

Dear Sir,



I beg you to excuse the liberty I take
in recommending James Roosevelt Bayley,
son of Dr. Gay C Bayley of this city, for a
sublieutenancy in the marine corps. He is a
young gentleman of the most estimable connections
and one who I am convinced ~~would~~ do credit to
the corps. His father is a staunch friend
to the administration and a gentleman of
great worth. From an intimate acquaintance
of long standing with the family of Mr Bayley

I feel a strong interest in his success and
should ~~be~~ be extremely gratified to hear of
his appointment.

With great respect I remain

Dear Sir

Your friend & servant

Washington Irving

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The Hon.

Mahlon Dickerson



Secretary of the Navy

Washington