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Sir

I understand that Mr. Gale of this State is about to make application to your Department, in behalf of his son George who is now between 13 & 14 years of age.

Mr. Gale is the widow of Lemuel Gale who was formerly a member of Congress from this State. He was a gentleman of high character & was one of my most intimate & valued friends; but having spent much of his time in public service either in the State or general government, his private affairs appear to have been neglected & he left his family but slenderly provided for. His son George possesses good talents, & is a youth of excellent dispositions & correct deportment. He would do our service & credit to the appointment which his friends desire, & I beg leave to recommend him to your favorable consideration.

I am very respy^{ly} yr. H. S. R. B. Taney

R. B. Dancy

Rev. J. K. Paulding

Secretary of the Army

Washington