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Old Point Comfort Aug. 29. 1853

Dear Sir

I understand that my son in Law  
Lieut. Col. Taylor has applied for the appoint-  
ment of his son Francis H. Taylor to the  
office of military Storekeeper in Oregon.  
and I beg leave respectfully to unite with  
him in this application

Mr. Francis H. Taylor is a young gentleman  
of unexceptionable character, well edu-  
cated, & intended to follow the profession  
of a Civil Engineer. But his health has  
suffered under the exposure of his pro-  
fessional pursuits; and it will require  
some time and a different occupation  
to reestablish it. He is I am satisfied well  
qualified for the appointment he desires  
and would faithfully discharge its duties.

The large family of Colo. Taylor would  
make the appointment of his son  
at this time very convenient to him:  
and perhaps his military services, which  
are so much better known to you  
than to myself, may afford some  
ground for a favorable decision.

With the highest respect

I am Sir, yr. obt. St.

R. B. Taney

To

The President

of the U. S. States

Washington

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