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Baltimore March 20. 1829

Sir

Mr. Wm M. Wood wishes to obtain the appointment of Surgeons mate in the Navy of the U. States. He will receive his Diploma from the Medical College in this City on Monday next & will produce from the Professors the testimonials of his fitness to discharge the duties of the place he seeks to obtain -

I have no personal acquaintance with Mr. Wood & cannot therefore speak of him from my own personal knowledge. - But I learn on inquiry that he is a young man of excellent talents and correct habits & being dependant on his profession for support - and having struggled with many difficulties in order to complete his education, I beg leave to recommend him to the patronage of the Government. - The interest felt

for him by gentlemen who know him well &
who can be actuated by no other motives than the
desire to sustain a deserving young man in
the commencement of his professional career is
a strong indication of his real merit.

I am Sir with the highest respect

Yr. most Obedt. St.

R. B. Taney

Chief Justice Taney

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Aug. 11.

The Honble

The Secretary of the Navy

Washington

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request

expired with the
last session of Con-
gress

Inform Mr. Taney
that the services of
an additional num-
ber of Assistant Surgeons
are not now required
and that Mr. Wood's
appointment should
be discontinued by
the Secretary of the Navy

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