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Sarcaston 23 April 1849.

My dear Sir,

I send you the enclosed & sincerely hope that it may prove servicable to you. It is not directed to General ² Taylor; ^{newly decried} because under existing circumstances, I cannot ask a favor from him. I knew that he would be obliged to yield to proscription to a considerable extent; but some of his removals, or rather those of the S. M. General have been shocking. The case of Mr. Craun of Greensburg is peculiar. An honest, inoffensive & highly respectable man, he had held the Post Office in that place from the days of Mr. Jefferson & was spared by Mr. Granger. Since that time he lost a gallant son (Captain Craun) in battle at the gates of Mexico, who was the prop & support of his father's declining years. The father ^{is now removed} from his little office which contributed to the support of his family to make way for a cabinet whig.

Although I do not address General Taylor, yet when an opportunity occurs, let me know it & possibly I may be able to do something for you.

I am contented & happy in private life.

Please to remember me very kindly to Mr. Gouverneur & to the Doctor & Mr. Heiskell & believe me to be sincerely & respectfully

Your friend

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