Washington
27th Dec. 1845

Hon. J. G. Meade,
Secretary of War,

Sir: Permit me to ask your consideration of the merits of Mr. T. B. Reed, who desires the honor of a commission in the U.S. Navy. He is active, intelligent, and would, I doubt not, to serve his country as in his sphere would best promote the honor and interest of the service.

I am, respectfully,
J. P. Keeler.

J. McConnon.

G. B. B. (signature)

R. B. (signature)

J. W. B. (signature)

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J. M. (signature)

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David R. Atchison, born Aug. 11, 1807, in Frogtown, Kentucky. U. S. Senator from Missouri from 1843 to 1855.

Solon Borland, born in Virginia. U. S. Senator from Arkansas from 1748 to 1853.

Edward A. Hannegan, born in Ohio. U. S. Senator from Indiana 1843-49

Sam Houston, b. March 2, 1793, in Rockbridge County, Ky. U. S. Senator from Texas, from 1846 to 1859.
Jefferson Davis, U.S. Senator from Mississippi.


Patrick W. Tompkins, Born in Kentucky. Sett. in Mississippi. Elected a Representative in Congress from Mississippi from 1847 to 1849.

Albert Gallatin Brown, born May 31, 1813 in Chester District, S.C. Governor of Mississippi from 1844 to 1848. Re-elected a Representative in Congress from Mississippi 1848 to 1854.

Winfield Scott Featherston, born August 8, 1821, in Rutherford Co., Tenn. Representative in Congress from Tennessee 1847-51.


Thomas Jefferson Rusk, born Aug. 8, 1802, Camden, Georgia. U. S. Senator from Texas, 1845 to 1863.

Samuel Rhett Phelps, born May 13, 1793, in Litchfield, Conn. Senator from Vermont 1839 to 1851.

Benjamin Fitzpatrick, born June 30, 1802, in Greene County, Georgia. Governor of Alabama. Later U. S. Senator.

John Middleton Clayton, born July 24, 1796, in Sussex County, Delaware. U. S. Senator from Delaware 1845 to 1849. 1849 appointed Secretary of State under President Taylor, and negotiated the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

Thomas Corwin, born July 29, 1794, in Bourbon County, Kentucky. In 1845 elected U. S. Senator from Ohio.

Joseph Rogers Underwood, born Oct. 24, 1791, in Goochland Co., Virginia. In 1847 he was elected U. S. Senator from Kentucky.

Andrew Pickens Butler, born Nov. 19, 1796, in South Carolina. U. S. Senator from Georgia from 1847 to 1857.

Herschell Vespasian Johnson, born Sept. 16, 1812, in Burke Co., Georgia. U. S. Senator from Georgia in 1848.

Alpheus Felch, born Sept. 28, 1806, in Limerick, Maine. U. S. Senator from Michigan from 1847 to 1853.

William King Sebastian, born in 1814, in Vernon, Tennessee. He was U. S. Senator from Arkansas from 1847 to 1861.


Isaac P. Walker, born in 1813 in Virginia. U. S. Senator from Wisconsin from 1848 to 1855.

James Murray Mason, born Nov. 3, 1798, on Mason's Island, Va. U. S. Senator from Virginia from 1846 to 1861.

Jacob Thompson, born May 15, 1810, in Caswell, N. C. U. S. Congressman from Mississippi from 1839 to 1851.