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To the Honorable Lewis Cass, Secretary of War of the United States,

Sir,

The undersigned representatives in the Congress of the United States from the State of New York, having been informed that the request of Dr. Elvins to be stationed in the City of New York has been rejected by you under the advice of the Surgeon General of the Army, and being desirous of making application to the President of the United States in his capacity of Commander in Chief of the Army of the United States, on behalf of Dr. Elvins that he be stationed in the City of New York on some special service in the line of his official duties, we respectfully request that you will lay the following communication before the President of the United States:

To the President of the United States,

The undersigned, representatives in the Congress of the United States from the State of New York, write in respectfully recommending to your consideration the application of Dr. Alfred M. Elvins, Assistant Surgeon of the United States Army, to the Secretary of War, to be stationed in the City of New York on some special service connected with professional and official duties.

We are informed that Dr. Elvins until within a few years has served in sickly stations and in Indian countries, while more fortunate individuals have enjoyed the advantage of city stations many years in succession.

The undersigned without wishing to interfere with the rights or interests of other individuals, the regulations of the Army, or of the Department, under whose supervision the Army is placed, cannot forbear expressing a hope that the principle of rotation may at least be extended to cases of special service so far as may be consistent with public interest, regarding as we do, details for special service as exceptions to the regulation of the Department. That Surgeons and Assistant

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Surgeons shall have choice of stations agreeable to rank, but no one will be transferred from one post to another, and which regulation we understand has been interfered with, but to as an obstacle to a compliance with the wishes of Dr. Clives. The detail of an officer for the recruiting service, or of a Surgeon to purchase medicines, does not constitute in our opinion the place where the service is to be performed a military post in the meaning of said regulation. Dr. Clives does not hold the situation of a Surgeon serving with a Regiment, or a senior assistant Surgeon serving with troops, nor can we perceive when there can be a choice of station, if the detail for special service in a city constitutes the place in which the service is to be performed a station in the meaning of said regulation. If some individuals are to enjoy them many years in succession and without the prospect of change, to the exclusion of all others having equal claims to the consideration of the Department under whose government they are placed. All which is respectfully submitted.

Washington Feb. 12, 1835.

Signed A. Mann Jr.

G. P. White

John T. Morgan

John Adams

C. McVeay

G. T. Hathaway

Signed Geo. Rockie

Ed. F. Perris.

C. C. Crambling.

W. R. Fuller.

E. M. Morrell.

We concur in the within Memorial. From the information which has been given to us, we cannot but think it just that Dr. Mover, who has been stationed in the city of New York for many years, should take his turn at the military post and yield that situation for a time to some other of his Corps, who has already performed such service.
It gives us pleasure to say that we believe Dr. Elvés worthy of the post, both from his qualifications in his profession and from his former services in his office, and if no other more deserving applicant shall be presented, we hope it may be assigned to him.

Washington, Feb. 14, 1834 (1835)

(Signed, A. Huntington  Signed, H. Fisk, Wright, Jr.
  W. Taylor                  N. A. Selmadge.
  J. Pierson.                              J. Dernell
  R. Day.                              D. Broderick
  John W. Brewer.                        A. Ward.
  R. A. Gilbert.                        Henry Mitchell
  

To the President of the United States:

The undersigned, representatives in the Congress of the United States from the State of New York, do hereby respectfully recommend to your consideration the application of Dr. Elvés, a distinguished surgeon of the United States Army, for the appointment of Surgeon of the United States Navy. He has been for many years in the service of the United States, both in land and naval stations, and in Indian territories, and has, therefore, the advantage of numerous years of service.

The undersigned, without wishing to interfere with the rights or interests of other individuals, do hereby ask the Congress of the United States to consider the application of Dr. Elvés for the appointment of Surgeon of the United States Navy. This application is made on the 14th day of February, A.D. 1834.

A. Huntington
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