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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. Elmes 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 conscious 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. Elmes 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, unite in respectfully recommending to your consideration the application of Dr. Alfred M. Elmes, 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. Elmes until within a few years has served in sickly stations and in Indian countries, while more fortunate individuals have enjoyed the advantages 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
Surgeons shall have choice of stations agreeable to rank. But no one will be transferred to a post to which he has been assigned, for the purpose of making room for another; and which regulation we understand has been interposed not only as an obstacle to a compliance with the wishes of Dr. Clines. 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. Clines does not solve the situation of a Surgeon serving with a Regiment, or a Senior Assistant-Surgeon serving with troops, nor can we perceive how 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.          Signed Hr. Brockie
  C. P. White               "  Ch. S. Perris.
  "  John L. Morgan         "  C. C. Cambleing.
  "  John Adams             "  W. R. Fuller.
  S. G. Hathaway

We concur in the within Memorial. From the information which has been given to us, we cannot but think it just that O. Mower, 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. Elmes 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

W. Taylor

I. Pierson

R. Tay

John W. Brower

R. H. Gillet

(Signed,) Silas Wright, Jr.

A. Talmadge

I. Duvall

G. Bedsole

A. Ward

Henry Mitchell

Rutland Whallon

Nicol. Walsby

In the House of Representatives in Congress assembled,

The undersigned, representing in the Congress of the United States from the State of a New York, respectfully recommending to your consideration the application of Dr. Elmes, a distinguished surgeon of the United States Army, to be stationed in the city of New York, on some vacant, or other connection with the professional and official duties.

We are convinced that Dr. Elmes, with his long and serviceable services in the army, and in Indian country, is better fitted for such a post than more fortunate individuals have enjoyed the responsibilities of any thing many years in succession.

The undersigned without wishing to interfere with the rights or interests of others, humbly suggest the regulation of the Army or of the Department under a law as promulged by the Congress, in order that it may be concise and perfect, and expressing a hope that the principle of rotation may at some time or other be accommodated with the public good, is desirable, in order to enable the Committee to consider the various duties of the Surgeon-General, and the regulation of the Department, which deserve amendment.