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New York January 20. 1835.

Sir,

I take the liberty of calling your attention to the case of Dr. Elwes of the U. States Army. This gentleman is stationed at Fort Hamilton, but his friends are desirous of having him stationed at this city, as Surgeon for this place. The qualifications of Dr. E. for the post are beyond question - he is a firm and efficient supporter of the administration and has faithfully performed his duty as Surgeon at the various posts to which he has been assigned. I have understood that the present incumbent has held the place for 12 years, and under that view of the matter I should suppose that justice should assign the place to some other. When it is considered that the administration would gain an able advocate in this city, and that Dr. Elwes is sustained by Gov. Marcy, and several of the leading men in our State - I think the hope may be indulged that his wishes may be gratified.

With great respect

I remain Yr. Obedt. Servt.

(Signed) John M. Keon.

Hon.

Lewis Cap.

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