

Majr A. J. Duncan

care of Hon G. Davis U.S.S.

Washington City

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Dear Mr Lincoln

Dear Friend

I learnt on yesterday that you had left your Red Sand Road to go to Washington to consult with the great Men of the Nation about matters & things I only wish they had more such Men to give self to give their advise

You see I know that I have been for I open just been trying to procure from the Government a Commission or Warrant for a Nephew of my Wifes by the name of Susan Davis Attendant either to the Naval School or to West Point and I have not yet been able to succeed although I have written to Mrs Lincoln Mrs Littleton Mrs Davis Mrs Maynes Mrs Wickett & Washburne Some of these Members had Recourses in those Districts that they would nominate a Person to fill - I see from a printed Report that there is Recourses in the District I had Green's Smith's & Smith's District in one State that is not full - If it is

in your Power will you not try to get
some of those Members that has been
in those Districts to contribute either to
West Point or the Naval School Sister
League Movement. If they will make the
Contribution I will send the young Man
to those District to School for a short time
A very friend Mrs. Meece did him some
Mrs. Cotton or Mrs. Davis has not replied
to my Letters I should have suspected
them - I should like to get the
Appointment from the President Direct
If possible Pleas see what my friend
you can do in that way you will
find many Letters from friends in the
Office of the Secretary of the Navy making
Request for the Appointment and I hope
you may be able to procure the Appointment
for me It is the only favor I ever asked
of the Secrell or State Government - I think
that the President and Mrs. Lincoln would
do something that would oblige me Pleas
mention the Subject to them and if he
cannot grant the Contribution he may
I hope point out some way to you that

I may procure Contribution for the
young Man - The Boy is fifteen
years old and pretty well advanced
in his Studies and is a healthy
Boy I have had him at School in
New Jersey for four years he is now
going to College here

you with my friend
greatly obliged if you can by any
way procure this Contribution for me
or put me in a way to get it Pleas
do what you can for me and Pleas
excuse me for asking so much of your
kindness and time

Pleas write of any
best wishes and may you soon return
to your home & friends

Yours Most Truly
David Hays

P.S. I hope the President will relax
Governor Monroes

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