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Sir:

My friend John G. Walker of this city is desirous of obtaining the situation of Purser in the Navy. Whenever a vacancy occurs, I should be extremely gratified if he could be appointed to fill it.

I have not the honor of a personal acquaintance with the Secretary of the Navy, and I therefore take the liberty of saying a good word through you, in behalf of my friend. Mr. Walker is a young gentleman of pre-eminently excellent capacity and unblemished honor; and I take great pleasure in giving the assurance that the confidence of the government could not be deposited in one who will on one truly deserve it.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your friend & obd. servt.
Thos. W. Gilbert

Hon. Caleb Cushing