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Dear Sir. The U.S. Ship North Carolina #4 is  
 going up the Mediterranean sea, and I should  
 wish to go in her. I have sent <sup>via a line from</sup> Major Douglas and B. F. <sup>at the</sup> Attorney  
 General of the U.S. to the Secretary of  
 the Navy, and my friends advise me to  
 send them names. I would therefore  
 request you to say something like the  
 following

I recommend Oliver Smith under  
 standing that the U.S. Ship North Carolina  
 #4 is about to be sent to see prizes to go  
 in her as a professor of mathematics; and  
 we think him a ~~very~~ very suitable per-  
 son for that station. He is a good mathematician  
 and understands several of the modern languages, he  
 is an excellent naturalist, and would doubt-  
 less make additions to science by observa-  
 tions and collections. He has made one  
 voyage in the same capacity some years  
 since under the command of Captain  
 Boscawen, and met his approbation, and  
 we think the young officers on board the ship  
 might profit by his instructions not only in math

ematic and practical ~~of~~ & Botany  
but all also in Natural History and in  
the Spanish and French languages and  
we do recommend him accordingly

I will get Major DeLafrieux to sign  
this and Mr Lawrence the Mayor will  
forward it. I wish to use all the means  
and then I may fail. Mr Cambes is  
not here, though he may be soon, and in  
the case I will get his name. He will  
give it for he knows me -

Use only one sheet of paper, and I will  
tear off the outside. This will save  
postage and will do as well  
to me New York and it will  
Don't delay. Yours truly

Richard Smith

Dr John Jones

Don't enclose, use only one sheet

