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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 you a line from Major Douglas and W. H. Whittier the 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 have with Oliver Smith under standing that the U.S. Ship North Carolina #4 is about to be sent to see business to go in her as a professor of mathematics; and we think ~~it~~ very suitable, for ~~you~~ for that station. He is a good mathematician and understands several of the modern languages, French, German and Italian, and would doubtless make additions to science by observations and collections. He has made one voyage in the same capacity some years since under the command of Captain Bennett, and met his approbation, and we think the young officer on board the ship might profit by his instructions not only in math

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

I will get Major DeCarpier to sign
this and Mr Lawrence the majors will
forward it. I wish to use all the means
and then I may fail. Mr Cambrey 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 serve
for postage and will do as well
to me as you know it will for
Don't delay. Yours truly

Richard Smith

Dr John Torrey

Don't enclose, use only one sheet

