

His Excellency

James Monroe

20 Sept 1800

Major - Thayer  
Superintendent of the  
Military Academy at  
West Point.

Highland, Virg<sup>a</sup> Sept 2. 1800

Sir

This youth, William Taliaferro, of  
this State, has been several years, entered, in  
the Dept<sup>t</sup>. of war, for a place, as cadet, in the  
academy at W. Point, but has been permitted  
to remain at home, to attain the proper age  
& qualifications for the station. He is just setting  
out for Washington, on the presumption, that he  
will be authorized, to take his place; on which  
presumption, I give him this introduction  
to you, taking as I do, much interest, in his  
good conduct & future success & welfare.

with great respect I am Sir  
your obt<sup>d</sup> servant

James Monroe

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