

Washington July 8. 1811

My dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the appointment of a clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury. I have been informed that you had a desire of being employed as clerk in your court at Washington, & expressed a wish that I would make it known to you. He was clerk of the district court at Newburgh, & had been for several years before the change of the system, and I always understood your satisfaction. His private life has not in all things been remarkable for discretion, yet it has been for integrity & many good qualities. He has few enemies and his friends are much attached to him. His talents are very respectable. He has a family of children, and I am strongly persuaded that if your engagements will permit it, that you would have no cause to be dissatisfied with concurring the appointment on him. I know that many applications will be made to you for this office, and I beg you to be satisfied that nothing is more remote from my thought or desire that that you should confer it on him, if any one

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offers who appear to have a better claim, or to whom
encouragement has in any form been given. I wish
much the welfare of my brother, but not at the expense
of the safety or character of a near friend.

I expected when I came from Philadelphia to have
been able to return home, after a few weeks detention
here, for the summer. The long delay to which I have
been exposed has distressed me much. My family
are in all haste, where I hope to be able to join
them soon, and when I shall be glad to see you, should
you find leisure for such a visit.

Very sincerely your friend & most
obedient servant
Jas. M. W.

My best respects to your family.

It has been my intention to visit you
for some time, but my business
to home. This I shall do as soon as possible.
a family of children, and I am therefore
that if your affairs will permit it, that you
may have an opportunity to see me.
I have the pleasure to hear that you
that many of your friends will be able to see you
this office, and I hope to be satisfied that you
is more secure than any other, if any one
that you that you are in the best of health.