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To the Hon. James N. Paulding
Secretary of the Navy

The undersigned beg leave earnestly to recommend James Shepard Thornton of New Hampshire for appointment as Midshipman. He is the only son of Hon James B Thornton late of Merrimac in N.H who was formerly 2^d Comptroller of the Treasury Department, & died at Lima, in the public service, while Charge des affaires at Peru. He is great grandson, & the only surviving descendant in the male line of Matthew Thornton sign of the Declaration of Independence. By the death of his father he is left without sufficient means of procuring an education, & his appointment will give great satisfaction to the citizens of New Hampshire who cherish a deep regard for his ancestors.

Henry Hubbard
G. W. W. Pierce

C. G. Atkinson
Jared Williams
Ira A. Eastman
Edward A. Purke
Tristram Shove

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James Sheppard Thornton Jr.
Hon. H. Hilliard & others

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for other particular HPP

requested the Hon.
Mr. Atherton to furnish
testimonials of age &
character Le
Apl. 10. 1840.

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