

Phila. 7<sup>th</sup> April / 57

My dear Sir,

My friend Capt DuPont U.S.N. is desirous to get command of one of the new steam Frigates say the Roanoke. He has no superior in the Navy & but few equals, and wherever he may be ordered on duty, he will do that duty with honor to himself & the Country. When an opportunity occurs will you say a word in his favor to the President in favor of his getting the Roanoke.

I condole with you all at the death of poor Eskridge the last time I saw him was at the dinner in the White House when he was so silent.

I have called to see Miss Lane at Mrs Plitts but was unable to see her but will see her before she leaves.

When you come on to take command of your steamer let me see you. Hoping that the President has quite recovered I am very

Respectfully yours &c [etc]

J. M. Foltz

J. B. Henry Esqr  
Washington

On back of letter, in different handwriting:

Doc J. M. Foltz.  
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Recommending Capt Dupont USN. for command of the "Ronake" [sic].

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