

1707 N.Y. Ave

Washington D.C.  
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Dear Mr. Henry-

I have just received your letter with enclosures and as requested I return you Judge Hagners [sic]. It certainly looks as if our friend R. was playing the game you suggest. It is in accordance with his reputation among officers. I will keep a sharp look out in the papers. The Secy will certainly see them – but what influence Ramsay may use I cannot say. He might unknown to me make the point that Jamie already had the appointment of alternate. If judge H. could see Tracy personally it would be a good thing. Write to him and explain that it is a Secretary's appointment you are after - -and that in this case the appointment of alternate does not amount to much as in all probably the regular candidate will pass. I tried to see the Secy. again to-day but he denies himself to everyone on account of Cabinet meeting. To-morrow I may have better luck. Unfortunately his private secy. is very sick and away and I do not know anyone who is intimate with him. The clerk who has charge of the application is a friend of mine and is all right. He is in Ramsay's office, but nothing can be done with the papers without my knowing it. It is only in private conversation with the Secy. that he could head us off. Ramsey is trying for an appointment for his older son for West Point. He did want his younger to go to Annapolis, but he said to be color blind. Still there is no telling what scheme he has to work. I have also by this mail received a strong letter from Col. Partridge. He took the trouble (and tells the Secy. so) to go to the Poly. and hunt up Jamies [sic] record and founded it excellent he says. This was doing a good deal. Col. Partridge writes to me that a letter from President Cochrane would avail much, as he is well known to the Secy. This you already have – though it is not a personal letter, has more of a certificate. I am satisfied that Jamie has about as good backing as anyone. It now resolves itself more into a personal matter and if the Secy s [sic] attention could be called to him by a friend so as to fix his attention on him it would be a good thing. There is of course only one regular appointment at large by the President this year- but two more may fall to him. The Secy. [sic] appointments are only contingent- he might it is true not have any and he cannot count on any till July 1st - but as a matter of fact - some congressmen always fail to appoint and these vacancies – or lapsed vacancies as they are called are the Secretarie's [sic] appointments. Explain this is fully to judge Hagner. If he knows the Secy well and can see him at his house or office it will now with Jamies [sic] other backing help him very much.

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I will write to Col. Partridge and thank him for his letter. It is one of the best Jamie has. His name is Juan V. Partridge. He is President of the Bklyn City & Newtown R.R. Co. office at De Kalb and Central Aves. You might thank him also if you think is necessary.

In haste

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Frank Anderson

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