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Dear Mr. Henry

I received your letter several days ago and have considered the question of Jamie's withdrawing his application and talked it over with the clerk. The latter says he sees no possibility of the Secy -making any more appointments this year and he agrees with me that it is decidedly better for Jamie to let his application stand and go over to next year. If it is withdrawn he will have to go through the whole thing over again and will not gain anything by the [wait?]. I think myself it would be bad policy to withdraw now. If he should get the appointment by Bridgman's failure and fail himself it will not hurt his chances with the Secy. Next year whereas if he withdraws his application to the Secy. the latter may not take the interest in the matter next year, ~~as he has not~~ not [sic] having stood by his application this year. Besides I do not think the prospects of his passing so hopeless. Only 62 1/2 percent is required and I think he might get that. Therefore I would advise him to take the chances and let matters stand as they are. Let him be ready to go on to Annapolis at once if telegraphed for and keep the Superintendent of the Academy ~~of~~ informed of his address -- for if the principal fails the matter is not referred to the Navy Dept. but the Superintendent -- Capt Phythian notifies the alternate direct [sic]. Even if Bridgman enters now he may may [sic] fail or drop out from some cause during the year and then I would at once try to get Mr. Brody to promise Jamie the appointment. Somehow or other I have a feeling that Bridgman will not continue for it seems to me it was an after thought [sic] with him going into the Navy and such [?] are apt not to like it. I am curious to know what became of Gen'l Woodfords [sic] letter. Just before he went away the Secy. sent out your letter to him to be put on file, but he has not sent out Gen'l W's. I think he must have received it. The messenger said he would deliver it personally to him, and I dont [sic] he could have failed to do so.



What are we going to do with that incorrigible Kapff. [sic] I wrote to him again last Tuesday but he has paid no attention to either of my last two letters. I suppose he thinks that I am too far away to bother him much and as you are away also he need pay no attention to us for the present. I dont [sic] want to put the matter in Greenfields [sic] hands for he might not want to take it and if he did would probably delay forever and charge well into the bargain and I can not [sic] afford to pay much for the collection. He charged me \$570 for his slow work in the farm business. But if a lawyer will set on Kapff I believe it would stir him up. I think it important we should get our money before Greenfields [sic] mortgage becomes due – for I feel sure he will foreclose if Kapff does not then settle up with him – as he is disgusted with him.

My baby now is better and has been quite well since going to Winchester, notwithstanding the hot weather.

I suppose you saw in the paper the death of Aunt Paulina. She died of pneumonia on Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, and nine of her family except possibly Mr. Oothont [?] were with her. Mr. Morgan wrote me he went to the funeral. There were only ten or twelve present as Mr. Oothont did not put any notice of the funeral in the paper.

I suppose you are glad to have this spell of ward weather. When do you return to Brooklyn. [sic]

Love to all.

Affectionately

Frank Anderson





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