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to the Hon. Secy of the Navy
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter mentioned therein. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend to the business of the office at this time. I will endeavor to do all in my power to expedite the business of the office in your absence. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John C. Calhoun