

My dear Sir,

I had written to the Secretary before you left the City. Your letter of the 15th instant reached me yesterday, and I took the opportunity furnished by my visiting him, on his way to West Point, last night to introduce the subject. He, at once, told me that it was impossible: - that the act of Congress was peremptory in its language: - that he could give no contract, of any amount, without asking proposals and then deciding for the lowest and best offer: - and that he had felt himself obliged to recall several contracts of the sort given by his predecessor but not completed.

The Campaign thus far goes bravely on. I think you will have reason for permanent gratification and pride in having presided at a Democratic Convention which, by an unmeditated and unexpected but most fortunate movement, gave an irresistible impulse to the spirit of harmony. Without caring to enquire more about your candidature than enough to ascertain them to be confirmed democrats, the party, every where and just as rapidly as the news spreads, join with enthusiasm to uphold the Cause.

I am truly &c. &c. Yrs.

C. M. Blake.

19. June 1844.

H. B. Wright Esq.

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Sir,

Agreeably to the wish expressed
in your note, postmarked of the 16 inst.

I am respectfully y^{rs}

G. M. Dallas.

17 Feb. '63

To
Mr. Harry Wright.

J.R.P. 66

Philadelphia 4. Oct. '61

Sir

I received through the post, late this afternoon, your subpoena to attend at the Naval General Court Martial at the Navy Yard New York, on the 5. instant (tomorrow) at 10 1/2 a. m. to testify in the case of Commander Croston Carr.

It is, of course, beyond my power to reach the Court at the time you have appointed: and though utterly at a loss to imagine in what manner I can possibly be of use to the prosecution or the defence, I am anxious to manifest the respect due to your summons; and must, therefore, beg that, should my presence be esteemed necessary, you will be good enough to designate some day during the next week and to let me be apprised of it in time.

Very truly your obedient servant

C. M. Dallas.

To

P. T. Woodbury Esq.
Judge Advocate.