

To his Excellency James K Polk President  
of the United States.

The undersigned beg leave to present to the consideration of the President Henry O Porter (son of the late Commodore Porter) for a Lieutenancy in the Army, being amply qualified for that situation, and to have claims upon the country inferior to no other person. The country owes a debt of gratitude to the Father of this young man (which has never been paid) for his gallant services in the Army of the United States, and his distinguished career as a minister abroad. It must also be remembered that Lieutenant Theodorick Porter (Brother of Henry O Porter) was the first officer who fell fighting in the present war with Mexico, and profane certain death to the surrender of his sword to the enemy, he left a widow and helpless children totally unprovided for.

The desire to serve his country, and owe his rise, to his own personal merit, has induced the son of Commodore Porter to enlist in the ranks, as a private soldier, and he is now serving with the army in Mexico in that capacity. His friends now ask of the President, that he will confer upon Henry O Porter, of the 2<sup>d</sup> Dragoons, the rank of Lieutenant, confident that he will always do honor to the service, and never hesitate to risk his life in the service of his country.

All the numerous branches of his family, in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, Tennessee and Louisiana, have ever been the firm supporters of the democratic party, and many of them have borne a distinguished part in the political contests of the country.

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