

Portsmouth N. H., April 18th 1821.

To His Excellency William King,
Governor of the State of Maine.

Sir,

Understanding you are appointed a Commissioner under the Spanish Treaty, and presuming that the President of the United States, will not appoint the Clerk of the Commissioners authorized by the late act of Congress, except upon the recommendation of the Board, or supposing, at least, that the Commissioners will be consulted with regard to the person to be appointed as their Clerk, I take the liberty, very respectfully, to offer myself to your Excellency as a candidate for the Office of Clerk to the board of Commissioners.

As I have not the honor of a personal acquaintance with your Excellency, I beg leave to state, that I was an Officer of the Army During the late War, and that with regard to my qualifications as a Clerk, that I was for several years a Clerk in the Insurance Office kept by the late John Peirce Esq^r in this Town,
and

As evidence in support of these statements, and of my character, I beg leave to enclose to your Excellency, extracts from several letters.

It must be superfluous to say, that I shall be very thankful for the appointment, and endeavour to discharge the duty of Clerk to the satisfaction of the board: but, in conclusion, observe, that if there is any prospect of success, I will immediately procure from Gentlemen of the first respectability in this Town satisfactory testimony of Character and qualifications for the Office referred to; and from the known character of your Excellency, have hopes that your Excellency will pardon the liberty I have taken, to make this application, as well as the prolixity of this communication, and, that if the course I have taken be not the proper one that your Excellency will have the goodness to point it out to me.

I have the honor to be,

With perfect Respect,

Your Excellency's most Obedient Servant
Wm B Parker.

To His Excellency

William King, Governor of the State of Maine

and after the Peace, was Secretary of the Union Insurance Company, in this place, until they discontinued business, and divided their Stock, in consequence of heavy losses, and, that I am at present Book Keeper in the Office of the Bank of the United States established here.

But, for several reasons, I wish to exchange my Situation, one of which, is, the inadequacy of my compensation, it being until lately 700 \$, and now 800 \$ per annum, but, the Office is extremely laborious; — I have, also, a wish in common with most other people to be promoted, and a great Desire to reside at Washington; these reasons will, I hope, account satisfactorily to your Excellency for the present application.

I beg leave, also, to observe, that I had hopes of being appointed Secy to the Commissioners under the 4th article of the Treaty of Ghent, of which the Hon^{ble} Mr. Holmes was a Commissioner, but in consequence of an arrangement of all the Commis. under that Treaty failed: —

That, in consequence of my wish, the President and Cashier of the Office of the Bank of the U. S., recommended me to the Secretary of War, as a Clerk in that Department, when a number of new Clerks were authorised to be appointed in his Office, in the year 1818, and, that recommendation, is now on file in the War Department as I presume; but, in that application I failed also, those Clerks, being all appointed before my application arrived at Washington.

William B. Parker

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Hon. Excellency, Sir

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