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To the Governor

I have been personally acquainted with Dr. A. Libby of Richmond for several years. He was brought up in this city and studied his profession here. I have no means of knowing much about the success that has attended him as a practitioner but I regard him as a man of integrity and of impeccable character in all respects, and from his habits before he entered upon the practice of his profession I should have no doubt he is a man of much industry and perseverance. In common parlance, he is a self made man. He informs me, he desires an appointment as assistant Surgeon in the U. S. Army and I can only add as a fitting conclusion of what I have already written that in my opinion the appointment would be a judicious one.

Very truly yours
N. Woods