

Washington D.C.

May 23. 1877

Hon Richard Thompson

Sec. of the Navy

my dear sir;

The President  
requested me to leave  
the enclosed letter with  
you, and that he will  
make the appointment  
if you say so -

I am very truly  
Yr. Obedt Servt,  
Woodthamou

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Mr. President

Under a recent  
law, - passed by Congress last  
session - you are authorized  
to promote, retired officers  
of the Navy, with certain  
restrictions - giving to worthy  
retired officers, such rank  
without pay or power, as  
their <sup>past</sup> services and fidelity  
to the Government - may have  
merited. Under this provision  
I take the liberty of respectful  
-ly asking you to appoint  
Commodore Charles Bourne

who is now a retired  
Commodore, to the rank  
of Rear Admiral.

He was appointed or entered  
Midshipman in 1811

Promoted Lieutenant 1817

" Commander 1837

" Captain 1844

Commanded Frigate Brandywine 1848

Com<sup>d</sup> Navy Yard & Station at N.Y. 1852

Promoted Commodore 1855

and was afterwards

retired. The Commodore

is a man of ample  
fortunes and is now

a very old man, yet

very vigorous. He

was a consistent and

uncompromising

Union man during

the war - and his  
large family - all  
of whom lived in  
Berkeley County West  
Va. during the war  
~~were~~ devoted to the  
Union Cause -

His promotion  
would be highly ap-  
-preciated by his large  
family - and <sup>his</sup> many in-  
fluential friends, and  
be a proper compli-  
ment to his merits  
and their fidelity.

I have the honor  
to be your obedient  
servant

Ward H. Lamson

Lamon

P.S. At the time of outbreak  
of the late war of the rebellion  
Commodore Baaman  
was a citizen of the state  
of Virginia. which state  
engaged in the rebellion  
- The Commodore kept his  
residence up to the present  
time in Martinsburg, Ber  
keley County - The state  
of West Va. being made  
in the year 1862.

He never at any time  
swerved in his duty  
and devotion to the Union  
and his course exhibited  
marked fidelity to the  
Union in adhering to the  
Flag of the United States  
Very Respectfully  
Ward Lamon