

303 Broadway

April 4th 1877

Hon R. W. Thompson
Secty of the Navy;

I am very anxious to appoint a young man to the vacancy in this Dist ~~to~~ the Naval Academy, who was eighteen years of age on the 27th of March last.

I do not know whether under the law and the rulings of the Department it can be done, but have the honor to state the case and ask for your decision.

The appointment would probably have been made out before the date referred to and when he was within the age mentioned; but ^{for} the fear that if made

he could not make the certificate
"on honor" that appears to be required.

Will you be good enough to give me
the information at your earliest
convenience?

Respectfully yours
A. G. Wilcox