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not to let that woman be hung in your State, it would blight your prospects.

P.S. This is written upon H[ugh] L. White[']s Mot[t]o, he who speaks plainest to him of his infirmities is his best friend. L.J.

[Marginal] P.S. You should not sleep until a young man who is imprisoned for 10 years should be released. Post office concerns brought it about.

ALS in ScCleA.

From J[AMES] H. RION

Pendleton [S.C.] Nov. 18th 1843

Sir, Being desirous of obtaining an appointment to the United States Military Academy, I take the liberty to ask your assistance to procure it, if you should deem my recommendations, such as, entitle me to the fostering care of the government.

I will be 16 years of age, on the 17th of April next. I have studied [Jeremiah] Day's Algebra, Euclid's Geometry, and Day's Mathematics comprising Logarithms, Mensuration of surfaces, solids, h[e]ights and distances, Trigonometry, Surveying and Navigation; and [Charles] Anthon's Caesar, Virgil, Sal[is]tury, and Cicero's Orations and a part of Anthon's Greek Reader, together with several French works under Mr. E[lliott] Pynchon, Savannah; and also Conic Sections, Legendre[']s Geometry, and French under Mr. [Robert M.] Renick[,] Pendleton, letters from both of which gentlemen I have enclosed. Very Resp[ect]f[ul]ly y[ou]r Ob[edient] s[er]vant, J.H. Rion.

ALS with Ens in DNA, RG 94 (Records of the Adjutant General's Office), Application Papers of Cadets, 1805-1866, 1843; 234 (M-688:149, frames 93-94, 101, 107-108). NOTE: Rion enclosed with his letter to Calhoun two testimonials, one from Elliott Pynchon, principal of Chatham Academy, Savannah, Ga., dated 5/1/1843, and another from Rob[ert] M. Renick, principal of the Pendleton Male Academy, dated 11/18/1843.

To "Col." JAMES ED[WARD] COLHOUN

Fort Hill, 19th Nov[ember] 1843

My dear James, Dr. [Thomas A.] Anderson will find in my life, page 26, a summary of the result of my economical reforms in the Army

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the tariff. "In that case I have no doubt they will come in heartily to their station in the severe encounter we have to fight from now till next November. Otherwise, I do not believe they will, and I shall, I cannot but confess, tremble for the consequences." ALS in DLC, Martin Van Buren Papers, series 2, Letter-book 48 (Presidential Papers Microfilm, Van Buren Papers, roll 27).

To Col. [JOSEPH G.] TOTTEN, [War Department]

Fort Hill, 21st Nov[embe]r 1843

Dear Sir, I transmit the enclosed [letter from James H. Rion, dated 11/18/1843] to you, because I am personally acquainted with the applicant, and Mr. Renwick [*sic*; Robert M. Renick], writer [*sic*] of one of the accompanying letters. He is the teacher in our Academy, himself a graduate of the Military Academy, and a gentleman of intelligence & worth. From what I know of Master Rion, he is entitled to all Mr. Renwick says of him. He is the son of a widow in very humble situation, who devotes most of her means to the education of her son.

I feel assured, that the patronage of the Gov[ernmen]t could not be better bestowed, than by giving him an appointment. With great respect, I am & &, J.C. Calhoun.

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From CHARLES WHITTELEY

Charleston, Nov. 22, 1843

Dear Sir, There is due the Estate of Jno. E[wing] Colhoun (of whom your wife is the daughter about) \$140 and as executor of S[amuel] B. Colhoun \$75 or there about in all something over two hundred Dollars, this sum I can collect without much delay. I have spoken with Mr. H[enry] A. Dessassure [*sic*; DeSaussure] of this city Ex[ecutor] of [Henry] W[illiam] Dessassure who was Ex[ecuto]r for Mr. Colhoun's estate, & offered to collect it for one third of the amount collected. Mr. Dessassure to whom I have communicated the nature of the debt does not think my charge unreasonable, but is unwilling to act unless authorized or requested by you so to do, it is but a small

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