

and after the Peace, was Secretary of the Union Insurance Company, in this place, until they discontinued business, and divided their Stocks, 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 authorized 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