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Mr. Hentio Clements who will have the honor to present this, is an applicant for a Lieut.s Commission, in the Militia required from this State, by the general Government. I have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintence with him, but my perfect confidence in the writer of the enclosed, convinces me that he is a worthy & respectable young man, and well deserving the protection & patronage of the Executive & therefore I have no hesitation in recomending him to his notice ~~of the Executive~~. I understand he is at this time a brevet Ensign in one of the Reg.ts of this County

I have the Honor to be
with the highest respect
and consideration
Your Excellencies & the Councils
Most Obe.t & Ob.t Serv.t
J. Newman L. C. C.
4th R. C. D.

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