

The Writer of this Note is personally acquainted with many of the Navy Agents of the United States; although they may all ^{be} men of naturally good abilities and valuable acquirements in relation to some branches of human knowledge, yet he does not recollect one among them whose previous pursuits, or whose actual Talents, qualify him to render all the services above suggested, consistently with the ordinary "routine" of his official Duties.

Among the subordinate officers at the different Naval Stations, it is presumed that there is no one who feels himself responsible for the execution of the duties above stated:—doubtless, there are many active and ingenious men in that Class, who cheerfully perform such detached portions of this public service, as their superiors, from time to time, may direct: but it is believed that there is not that zeal and energy of action, — and that attention to a wise economy of time and expence, exercised in this branch of service, as might be expected from a different organization of it.

It is therefore respectfully suggested that a Person be appointed for the special purpose of inspecting and effectuating the different objects specified above, — as occasion may require.

His designation should be such as clearly to indicate that the Duties attached to his office are separate and distinct from those of "Commandant of the Navy Yard," "Navy Agent," — &c. &c. &c. —; perhaps that of "Surveyor General of the Maritime Establishment of the United States," — might be as appropriate as any other.

Should this proposition meet the approbation of the hon^{ble} the Secretary of the Navy and be adopted by Government, — the Writer of this Note asks to be considered

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