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Sir,

I have the honor to en-
close herewith a copy of Lt Read's
communication to me while at
Annapolis in the month of Pittsburg

Lt Read is a stranger to me
& it was with great reluctance
that I referred him to Capt
Mendenhall on this occasion, knowing
that he was generally esteemed an
officer of much merit; still I
felt myself bound in duty to the
service generally, and to certify
Lt Read that I had no other notice
but the effort it might have
upon the service. I solicit of
you Sir, should it meet his wishes
that he may be ordered as first
of the Constabulary, should you