believe, the only one of those early chosen, who steadily remained by his side till the close of the war, left only two children, both daughters. — My boy is the only surviving child of the eldest daughter.

The idea abroad is, that the military Academy was founded with a special reference to the education of the sons of the Soldiers of the Revolution. Colo: Tilghman having left no son to enjoy this boon of his Country's gratitude, the claim seems to have descended naturally to his eldest grandson.

Mr Calhoun has been already apprised of my wishes on this head, through the kindness of my good friend, Mr Maxcy — And you will lay me under a lasting obligation by exerting your influence not only with the Secretary; but by bringing the pretensions of my boy distinctly before the President of the U. S. at this point as well as The best mode of advocating my application to a successful issue I willingly commit to the dictates of your own excellent judgement.

I would thank you very much, if you would drive off the tedium of many an uninteresting and useless long talk by taking up your pen at your desk and sketching me the passing scenes — There are few, if any, near you, who can see more thoroughly through either the real or would be great men. Give me I pray a real peep behind the curtain at the plots and counter plots at work to effect the elevation of each favorite candidate for the chair of State, and anecdotes of lighter matters too — The gallantries of Clay, and the amours of Gallard &c &c — Which of the interesting trio is most admired — my friend Miss Goldsborough, the young Savage Lord, or the beautiful and lovely widow Gore.

Any news, fresh from head quarters, would be most acceptable to a retired country man — I will also feel obliged if you will frank me the public documents, as they are published — Very truly yr friend and

Obt Serv — Tench Tilghman

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