

Newport, R. I.

Decr 22nd. 1884

My dear Senator Aldrich  
Quite unexpectedly  
I have had an offer of power  
-~~ful~~ assistance in the House  
in getting through any bill  
for the War Colleges.

The question asked by my  
friends is: "~~How~~<sup>In what way</sup> Can we help?"  
To answer this intelligently I would  
like to know if you think the  
item for the College should go on  
the Naval Appropriation bill or  
From your letter of 13th I judge  
you consider it best to have the  
item for the College go in on  
the regular Naval Appropriation bill  
rather than on the Land, Civil bill  
~~If that~~ I shall therefore say that  
to my friends that they can best  
help by inserting the item for the

former  
College in the ~~Republican~~ ~~Naval~~ ~~Appropriation~~ ~~bill~~.

I shall ask at the same time for a Professor of International Law at a Salary of \$2,500 per an. that being the pay of the Prof of Chemistry at the Naval Academy.

Item for Naval appropriation bill -

For repairing alterations, and furnishing the Naval War College on Cranston Harbor Island, Rhode Island, and for other expenses connected therewith - \$13,000.

For 1 professor of International Law for said College \$2,500 to be assigned to duty at the said College of 2,500; Provided the person appointed of the be made agreeably to the act of July 20, 1851 <sup>by the Act of July 20, 1851</sup> regulating the appointment of professors of Mathematics