

"Good Ground", Long Island.

18 Aug. 1885

Dear Admiral Suez

I have your note which followed me here, where I have brought my family for a few weeks sea air.

Thank you for thinking of me. I shall be glad to read such an informal paper as you suggest.

I have some notes partly on paper partly in my head, which treat of "Concentration" of Naval force - its prime importance - the wisdom of

preparing now and always  
the units of our fleet, so as  
to make Concentration possible  
and powerful — the need  
of simplicity of formation —  
a suggestion of such a  
formation — and finally  
a consideration of its merits  
and objections.

If something of this sort  
will be of any use to you  
I am at your service — if not  
please don't hesitate to change  
your mind — for I know  
that you must regard <sup>the interests</sup> of  
your infant College first of  
all — and I shall not feel  
injured if you should decide  
that my paper was not just

what was wanted. If you will let me know in time, I will send you my paper to read beforehand, and you can then decide whether you want me finally or not.

I fancy that you have in Mahan the very man of the whole Navy for the position, and Soley's name is already high.

If you should want me, please give me plenty of warning, as I have other duties.

With much respect dear Admiral Sae

Faithfully Yours  
Harry Taylor

Comm H. C. Taylor  
N.S.M.  
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