



Marine Barracks, Navy Yard,  
League Island, Pa. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1885.

Sir:

In reply to the invitation of Commodore J. B. Luce, U. S. N., President of the Naval War College, to any marine officer to read a paper or deliver a lecture upon some subject pertaining to the art of war, before the class, I have to say that I should be glad to show my appreciation of the marked courtesy of Commodore Luce, and of his project, by accepting his invitation - but the brief time which intervened between this and the close of the session, and a number of engagements already made, prevent me.

At another session, should he wish it, I shall endeavor to give more practical form to my good wishes.

May I ask you to communicate this to the Commodore.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

Henry Hay Cochrane,  
Captain U. S. N.

Colonel  
Chas. G. McAuley, U. S. N.,  
Commandant U. S. Marine Corps,

Headquarters, Washington,  
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Cochran, A.C.  
Captain U.S.M.C.

Reply to invitation of Com-  
modore J. B. Luce, U.S.N.

Respectfully forwarded,  
Thos. J. Field  
Colonel U.S. Army

COMMANDANT'S OFFICE

NAVY YARD, LEAGUE ISLAND

Forwarded 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1885

W. S. [Signature]  
Captain, Commandant