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Dear Edgar

I duly recd your letter from Baltimore on Saturday but seeing Col Preston I gave it to him to read. I have not yet recovered possession. The contents however, are on my mind. I was agreeably pleased to hear that the Honourable [unclear: Jms J] Barber did interest himself so much in your favour He perhaps remembered you when you were at the Springs in 1812 . from the interest exhibited by the Secretary of War you stand a fair chance I think of being one of those selected for Sept. Col. Preston wrote a warm letter in your favour to Major Eaton since your departure. Major Campbell left this for Washington on yesterday. While you are in Maryland, [unclear: ascertain] & get Certificate of the fact whether your Grandfather was in the Service during the revolvy war. where he served. 1 Rank & it may be of service & cannot do you any harm. I cover a Bank check of Virga on the union Bank of Maryland (this date) of Baltimore for one Hundred Dollars payable to your order be prudent and careful

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John Allan