Mr. L. Ship Levant
Pensacola Bay 9th April 1848

Sir,

It gives me great pleasure to state that your conduct whilst on board of this ship merited the approbation of all the officers (myself in particular) attached to her—your talents and strict attention to duty, gone promise of future usefulness and high standing in your profession such as I hope to see realized in you—

Wishing you better health and every success I am Sir,

Very Respectfully,

T. S. Lees

I have never known an officer to perform his duty with more cheerfulness, zeal or ability, and I can conscientiously say that as an officer, even as a gentleman, his character do not only stand reproach but his merits entitle him to the highest consideration, energy, of which that can be given to an officer of his rank—