

C. J. Ingersoll

com. J. discharge of S. D. & Edw.  
Vandergrift

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Sir

Without having the honor of  
your personal acquaintance, I beg  
leave to trouble you with the urgent  
solicitation of Mrs. Deal the very  
respectable mother of two young  
men of this vicinity named  
Vandergrift enlisted for the war at  
service of war under your orders  
on board the Ship Franklin - The  
Secretary of the Navy having at  
my request authorized your dis-  
charging them if reasons can  
be given for it, by their mother's  
request I beg to state that the  
eldest is much subject to rheumatism

an infirmity which his mother  
fears would be aggravated,  
and that the younger is always  
infirm in health so that the  
duties of a ship would probably be  
more than he can bear

Should you deem this  
sufficient reason, their parents  
will cheerfully pay whatever  
charges are payable and be  
very thankful for the discharge  
of their son

I am very truly  
Yr humble servant  
C. J. Ingersoll

Forest Hill Philad Sept. 8. 46

U.S. Senator  
Foreign Minister