Endorsement on Petition
Wants L. to Attorney

Forwarded 18th Jan
1863
E. D. Baker
M.C. 13th Dist. Ill.

At this date, I am under
obligation to give the first
appointment to the Naval
School in my power, to
John T. Grimsley, of Illinois,
and no other commission
must supersede this
obligation. After saying
this much, I add that I
would be glad for this
boy with this name, to have
another chance if at all
consistent with the service.
Aug. 10. 1863. A. Lincoln

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Navy Department
January 8th 1863

Sir,

Having been reported by the Superintendent of the Naval Academy for insubordination, neglect of studies and having in your possession a most obscene book, you are hereby dismissed from the service of the United States.

Respectfully
Gideon Welles
Secretary of the Navy.

Lt Robert J. Sherry
late Midshipman U.S. Navy
Naval Academy.
Newport R.I.

Comm[d]r Blake

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Appointed 18th Aug
1843
E. A. Blake
Rep. 17th Nov 1843

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