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Letter to Chase, S. P. (?)

Charles Petit Mcllvaine

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Chas P. M. Swaine
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My dear Sir -

Unhappily I am
supposed to have some in-
fluence at work - What a
mistake! But I will do what
my friend Mr L'Hommedieu
asks of me - that is, write you
concerning the application of
his son - in law J. J. McCann
(the papers
now in the office of Mr Cameron)
for appointment as Paymaster
Company, or Assistant Quarter
Master, or Captain in the
Army - The application is

These Papers

backed by the Governor - Senator
Wade - Congressmen Girdley, Judge
Dwan, Story, & Hoadley - W. D.
Groesbeck & J. H. Groesbeck (his
uncle) & many others -

Mr. Moore is a man of business
education & habit - I considered
worthy of what he seeks - I think
he is a drilled volunteer - not
in service - My poor name is
humbly added - but he has
enough without it -

When I applied to Mr. Cameron
for a Captaincy for my nephew
Francis McWhain, I sought
his help of names - I trusted
to what he had said - & moreover
felt that I was paying him a
compliment in trusting a case

to its merits, for I imagined
he would trust me as to them.
If I had produced political
names - perhaps I should have
succeeded - A fine officer with
a military experience of seven
years, faith - men, without
knowledge enough to drill a
company's guard - & who have to
be drilled by sergeants, get
captaincies plenty -

I look for some dispatch or
letter from you to-day about
the English matter -

Yours affectionately

Chas. P. McWhain

Don't forget - Post Chaplaincy at
Gallipoli & Mr. Badger (Rev. Roman
Badger, Shelbyville Ky) for it -