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The records show that no colored midshipmen ever graduated from the United States Naval Academy. Three have been appointed whose names are given below, with the history of each while at the Academy:

JAMES H. COWYERS:- Appointed a Cadet Midshipman from South Carolina 21 September 1872. Resigned, November 11, 1873, on account of deficiencies in studies.

ALONZO C. McCLENNAN:- Appointed Cadet Midshipman 25 September 1873 from South Carolina. Resigned, January 7, 1874 on account of being badly deficient in studies.

HENRY EDWIN BAKER, Jr:- Appointed 24 September 1874, from Mississippi. November 4, 1875, dismissed for applying a very profane and vile epithet to a cadet midshipman at the mess table.

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