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tion, the question was decided in the affirmative. The lawyer's influence was potent in the matter. Mr. For-
nance submitted Winfield's name for appointment ; and,
on July 1, 1840, he entered upon his student life at the
National Military Academy at West Point. Among his
classmates was Ulysses S. Grant.