

West Point

~~June~~ June 21<sup>st</sup> 1831

Dear Father

I have favorable news  
to ~~give~~ you in regard to myself.  
I have finished my examination and  
have graduated 2<sup>d</sup>, and in the Engineer  
Corps. You know that it is the highest  
honour conferred upon graduates to be  
admitted into the Engineers; and our  
not often conferred upon the heads of  
classes.

Genl Scott is President of the Board  
for this year; You know he is your warm  
friend & consequently mine. I have  
received from him many manifestations  
of the kindest attention to my interests. He  
wishes me to be stationed in New York, should