

Albany June 27<sup>th</sup> 1857

My Dear Grandson

I have received your two letters, the one dated the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, and the other the 18<sup>th</sup> by Cadet Hood, whom I did not the satisfaction to see. Your letters have relieved me from much of the great anxiety I felt about you, but I am still desirous to know what was the number of your demerit marks, made during the current year. I hoped and believed that you could not incur the disgrace of dismissal by having two hundred of them in one short year, affixed to your name, but they had swelled up to such an amount, as to create with me considerable alarm. I did hope that your own self pride, his memory and his name, as well as my own, which you bear would protect you against any disgrace at West Point, and I am happy to find that I have not been deceived. I shall soon get the official report, which I hope will show, as intimated in your last letter, ~~rather better~~ that your standing now will be better than it was in