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My dear William

Your kind favor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of instant has been received and I have procured you the Almanac and sent it to you under my Frank of this days mail – I have made some search for the instruction Book to the L'accordian, but have not been able to find it = If there is no copy to be found in the city, I will order some of the music scores? to send to Baltimore, Philadelphia or New York – and see that you have it = This session is now half expired, and in little more than six weeks from this time, I shall leave this city again for Georgia and once more have the privilege of staying with my family for several months = I begin to be anxious as the time approaches, and shall be happy if I can find them all and more in the enjoyment of good health = we have hoped a Bill in the House of Representatives increasing the Regular force of our Army in Mexico, by authorising the President to raise ten additional Regiments of Regular troops = one Regiment of Dragoons and nine of Infantry = to leave five years or during the war = the officers to be appointed by the President and Senate and commissioned by the President for that service = This Bill will no doubt pass the senate in a few days = there are several Regiments ready and waiting to enter this? service, and I have no doubt the full number of troops for the several Regiments will be varied at once = I learn from the President that he is in favor of receiving this force by Companies, Battalions, and Regiments, and is in favor of giving a commission to such as bring with them (?) satisfactory that they have the force they desire to command, ready to enlist in this service = This he considers the best recommendation that an applicant? for a commission can bring with (?) (?) (?) –

And he will not enquire whether he is a whig or democrat but only whether he desires to fight the battles of his country and has the men who desire to fight under his command = The money necessary to sustain our troops in the field untill the month of July 1848, will be provided by Congress before the close, and arrangement will be made to pay the annual accruing interest on the loan, and also gradually to reduce it = These brothers will no doubt be (?) cheerfully a patriotick people, For Patriots of all parties go for their country in all contests with Foreign Governments and are much inclined to support their country right or wrong in all contests, = this leaves me in the enjoyment of excellent health – Two senators have died in two weeks = Barrow [Alexander Barrow?] of Louisiana a Whig – Pennybacker [Isaac S. Pennybacker] of VA, a democrat – they were both robust men interesting constituents? but they have been cut short in the prime of life = Your Brother,

John H. Lumpkin