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Mr Wm B. Woods
Newark
Ohio



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West Point July 20th 1851

Dear Brother

Your kind letter of the 4th inst was duly received. But I have been prevented from answering it until the present by my duties. I have been for the last ten days, working in the Laboratory and I find it right hard work too. I am however very nearly done, only having my ratchets to pound, and to see the workmen make a thunder barrel.

If the War Department do not put more men in the Artillery next year than they did this I will find it rather difficult to get into that corps. I think however that I will apply for it, and if they do not choose to put me there I will go into the Infantry.

The fourth of July passed off without anything of consequence transpiring. For my part I put in the day in smoking fourteen cigars. Rather a day spree for a fourth of July. But as my class is on a pledge not to drink while on the Point, it was the best we could do. We have not been honored yet, by the visits of any ladies, dressed in the Blavener Costume. I sent quite a number of party & invitations to my friends in New York, all of which I have no doubt arrived safely. Mr Robbins has not been at West Point yet but I look for them every day, and will be

be prepared to show them every thing of interest and do all in my power to make their visit as pleasant as possible

With reference to my selling my interest in lot No. 107. I will say that I think your proposition a very liberal one, and rather than ~~not~~ have you give up your idea project of building, I will agree to your proposition. I have always had an idea that my interest in lot No 107 was the best investment I could make of my legacy, besides it is so placed that I cannot spend it, as I might do if I had it in another form I would be very willing to have my interest transferred to the West half of lot 107. if that will suite you as well. I will however leave it to Father if he thinks it would be as well for me to have my interest in the form which you propose to put it, you can go ahead and with the business Please speak to him upon the subject

I am extremely happy to hear that Eliza has graduated, and I hope that by this time next year I will not only have graduated, but be a 2nd. Second Lieutenant in the army

You must excuse my short letter as I find it rather inconvenient writing in camp

Give my love to all the folks

Truly your brother

Chas. W. Mayo

P.S. Tell Mary and Eliza that I am waiting very
patiently for answers to my letters C R W

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