

To Wm W Woods

Truly yours Y Brother
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Worthington Oct

Dear Brother

I received yours dated Oct 6th on last Friday with the two dollars inclosed. I was happy to find that there was but two misspelled words in my last letter for I feared that it would be far inferior to my other ~~letters~~ letters with regard to the spelling. You wish to know when I intend to come home, this term will be out on the 25th of this ~~of this~~ month and I should like to have you send for me a week from next Friday or Saturday. I expect Mr. Chancy Moore will be over here this week if he comes. I have no doubt I can get to ride over with him. If I do not come over with ~~Mr~~ Mr Moore this week and ^{if} you are too busy to come after me I expect you can get Edward Lynde to come. Please write in your next whether Father intends to ^{have me} continue here next term. I have not got a journal long enough to fill out this letter so I will send you the copies of a two of my speeches in the debating ^{society} as they will answer the purpose for which I write as well as the journal. The question on which I wrote my last speech was Resolved that the accession of territory to our government would be injurious. Mr. Pres, this is a question of great importance to every freeman, it is one that has been agitated to a considerable extent and will

ere long be the ruling topic of the day. I contend Mr Pres, that the accession of territory to our government will be injurious from the fact that it produces a diversity of interests, and kindles a fire of ambition within the breasts of its votaries which has always been adverse to the interests of nation. We have no way of judging the future but by the past, and judging by the past if we continue to add new territory to our already ample domain, we are lost as a nation. That greatest of evils dismemberment stands before us ready to strike the fatal blow and sever the bonds of our union. Besides sir, the only territory we can acquire is in the south, and that will increase the influence of the south whose interests are nearly opposite to ours. Let us look for a moment at the results arising from the annexation of the territory we have already acquired. After paying a just and reasonable price for Florida we had to subdue the inhabitation which cost the lives of a great number of our citizens and about forty millions of money. Louisiana if I mistake not cost us about twice as much as she was worth. And lastly Texas after paying about fifteen millions of her debts, we are involved in a war which has already cost us about one hundred millions of dollars and fifty thousand of our citizens and will in all probability cost us twice that ~~amount~~ amount before we get the matter settled. If we are to pay thus dearly

for territory. I think it would be advisable to
let it alone and take care of what we have.
This is only an extract of my speech the reason
why I did not write it out at full length was that I
would not have room for my journal. Oct 4th Arose at
I had my lessons all well. I feel much better than I did
yesterday my lameness ~~that~~ has all gone or so nearly
that I can outrun any of my schoolmates. Oct 5th
Arose at half past 6. I had my lessons all well
Our class in algebra got through the book to day
we have also got through the Arithmetic and
turned back to vulgar fractions. This evening
after school I went a hunting and found plenty
of squirrels but it was so dark in the woods that
I could not see to shoot them. Oct 6th Arose at
past 6. I had my lessons all well. The Episcopal
sewing society met at Mr. Ashes to day there was
a good many ladies attended but they did not spend
the evening. I was not at home at supper time so I
did not get to see them. Oct 7th Arose at 6. I recited
my lessons all well. We had quite a heavy rain to
day. Oct 8th Arose at half past 6. I had my lessons all
well. This evening I attended a whig meeting at
the college. Oct 9th Arose at 6. I spent the fore part
of the day in writing this afternoon I went a hun-
ting and killed four quails and three squirrels. I
killed three of the quails at one shoot with a rifle.
Give my love to all our family and to Aunt O. B.

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