[illegible] is more than [illegible]
[illegible] has erected [illegible]
point. [illegible] say that Charley Morris is the same old [illegible] that
[illegible] as well [illegible] Harry Hare before this time. George will send you a copy of my thesis for [illegible]
[illegible] you choose [illegible] yourself. I won't insist on your reading it as you may find it rather a bore [illegible]
I am getting [illegible] well on the whole in chemistry and hope to do something in it some day or other. I don't see
what is to prev[illegible] your going abroad at some time hereafter, especially if you go to improve yourself in your profession
did not Wm [illegible] do the same after leaving West Point? You must furbish up your French to a perfect polish
however before [illegible] start. I have felt the want of it very often. There is a prodigious difference between reading & speaking
a foreign lan[illegible] and I have had no opportunities to learn to speak French. Did George send you up some
books which [illegible] aid aside for you? If not, ask him for them, they may help you materially. Let me hear from
you when the [illegible] next write from home and by all means do yourself more justice next winter at the point.
I cannot [illegible] you on your lieutenancy and additional chevrons. Yours W.

Per British Mail Steamer of 4th August.

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I again — I find that I have forgotten to mention some few things. Newspapers sent by the way of Havre will cost me about 25 [illegible] each. I should like to have once in a while if it contains anything specially interesting otherwise it would not be [illegible] the while. remember me to Beckman, Charley Morris & Carson. When is C to be married. I suppose not for some months. When you see Robert Hare, intimate to him that he owes me a basket of Champagne which he had the rachness to bet against his own getting married before myself! When you send the box let me have the last U.S. Almanac and 2 copies of Davis' Manual of Electro-magnetism you will find one at home and Wm will procure another. I wish to give one to a distinguished Professor here. I saw yesterday a copy of the proceedings of the New York Ethnological Society in the royal library. this is doing well. When shall you bring out another volume of historical collections? For Mercy's sake find out something about a certain Mr de Romer or some such name from this city who is making a scientific tour in America. Everyone pesters me to know whether I have heard anything of him. I gave you an account of my money affairs in my last. Give love to all the [illegible] mentioned but not forgotten of the family & write soon & often — W.