heard but will I suppose do so in due time. I have begged nothing of the Fairfaxes since last July and will write to him in a few days. I believe I asked Gabriel Wells last Autumn to send me a copy of Mrs Caudle's lectures if they should be published separately. This is however not worth while as I can get them here for a trifle when I want them. They will be excellent things to translate into German as an exercise and might prove a salutary warning to German bachelors. Many a day's night cadet to have a copy merely as a model of style. I must spin a yarn to Aft Lama now and will try & tuck on my accounts to the end of my letter. W.

Dear Aft. I promised to let you know something about the grand review and mock battle which I saw in Vienna and as I suppose you have already read what I have written to the rest I shall deal this out to you in a separate dose. The reviews in the large enclosure of Vienna lasted for many days during the months of September and I took advantage of a fine clear day to witness a mock battle under the direction of the Archduke Albrecht. The cavalry were the fellows to roughly handled at Aspern [illegible] and Wagram. The troops engaged were about 30,000 men, I got a first position on the top of a high ground on the middle of the battle field and could see every thing to great advantage and about 4 o'clock the battle began. I can only give you a distant idea of the position of the parties by drawing a little diagram thus

[illegible] advanced their left wheel & stood. A light redoubt on the hill occupied by the party B on the slope of which a battery was placed which played upon & the main body of the party W. B the main body of B. 33 a [illegible] park of artillery belonging to B & 44 belonging to W. The battle commenced by the park of artillery 1.3 opening

of the hill and then advanced slowly upward to the summit of the ridge occupied by B. Here came a sharp firing of musketry W gained ground slowly and at length reached the summit whereon after a sharp conflict they drove B back towards B.2. Meantime B.3 and W.4 opened on one another and B.3 gradually retreating the main body of W advanced directly upon B.2. While their park of artillery W.4 during the meantime gained the little height just occupied by B.3 opened upon the main body of B at B.2 and the park on the slope of the hill B.1 supported the other park at B.2. Where B was really driven back at all points and had to occupy another position some distance behind his first one. These were the main points of the battle, though there were some little minor details which have escaped my memory at present. As there were 100 balls in the guns you may readily imagine that the losses on both sides must have been immense and in fact had I waited till the real recall I should not have returned to quarters. I have no doubt that I should have found the field strewn with the dead & drunk. The whole scene was a very interesting one even to me who have at least no professional interest in the matter. The Austrian soldiers are by no means so well drilled as the Prussians and do not make so fine an appearance. Still the Grenadiers are almost all tall, powerful fellows and make a good figure on parade. They wear tight pants falling close to the shoe down to the ankle and tucked in under their shoes, have wealthy complexions (with cheek bones and look without jamming) like true Britons. The Austrian soldiers are small and ill made men and have a bilious look. Nothing struck me particularly here, the locks of the muskets are all percussion but otherwise in a most antiquated way. The pointing part of the bayonet is flat and broad and struck upon the head of a pin of strike attached into a cylinder at the lower end of which has a little ball of percussion powder connected by a little tube with the powder in the barrel. Sometimes for [illegible] you will easily understand the drawing. S the hammer, S the spike, B the ball of percussion powder, P the powder. It is not easy to see how the spike is prevented from falling out and so getting lost. There are also no particular advantages over the common musket powder & lock, unless perhaps the percussion powder is kept dry. The Austrian officers wear the highest military cap which can be imagined and it looks precisely like a small green flower pot inverted and with a black peak on my front. Their uniforms also are not generally handsome, though there is a very [illegible] good [illegible] in Vienna which is very pleasing indeed. So much for military matters in Austria. I hope that before you receive this you will have got well through your examination and be looking forward to a fortnight's rest and a final farewell to the Temple. You may hopefully resume duties on Tuesday and you are not to be as overworked as Charley Morris will be hardly enough. I consider Charley as beyond all confusion the most studious & steady undergrad I know and firmly believe that if you were to get him on first with his head down he'd set up he would still be perfectly contented. You will have many a little ramble at the [illegible] spirit gladly. I suppose as he was especially known & liked there. At we have [illegible] you where lies a blue pearl under [illegible] I take it that you are studying hard that your prospects are of going through well (you can if you choose) & there's any chance of [illegible] in the Point? Any [illegible] or anything of that kind going up. In short you must throw me a [illegible] how your [illegible] examinations [illegible] general [illegible] Caudle. My letters are of course for all but you must write to me on your own account so look for [illegible] and don't forget to write.