and ready to devour at least one entire company of Mexicans. I hope he will write to me forthwith.
My letters are of course for all and to all. What is Ap's standing in the army - I suppose he is
brevet 2d lieutenant of infantry with $700 a year. Where is he to be sent to and when? I should
like also to hear from Oliver if he is still in town. How does he get on with his medical
studies? I intended to have written to Wm by this mail but shall not have time. I have
sent one of the packages of books and received an answer which I will send him in due time
He will I suppose write immediately after his return from the west. I should like to hear
your views about Dr Torrey's plan in case I return a year from now. I am afraid he is much
too sanguine in regard to getting pupils, then again I must lay out a considerable sum in
chemicals and on the furnishing of the laboratory and I do not know whether I can afford to
[illegible] connected with a medical school [illegible] like the College of Physicians
[illegible]
very much. I would rather not [illegible] take what I can get. Medical schools possess two great advantages in my view. In the
first place as the course lasts but four months much time is afforded for original researches
and secondly medical schools are always unconnected with religious sects and are neither
Presbyterian nor baptist nor any other ist or arian. What Dr Torrey says about the professors in
America having [illegible] teaching to [illegible] is very true. Most of them are worked to death
and many [illegible] in the course of their whole lives publish one single original paper
contribute one single new fact to science. I should like to have Dr Stevens views with regard
to the establishment of an analytical school in connection with the College, whether I could
lecture in the Spring and whether I could take a respectable position in the College
without in any way interfering with Dr Torrey. I will order Dr Torrey's balance for him at once.
He can forward money for it by way of Hamburg. I suppose if he deposits money in the hands
of Mr Schlesinger in New York I can draw upon Mr Arnold Schlesinger in Hamburg
The balance with packing case complete will cost 30 prussian thalers and to this must be added
a few thalers for freight and insurance (if wished). I wish also to be informed to whose
care it is to be shipped. I will try and send you some things at the same time. I can
always send the Doctor anything he may require by way of Hamburgh and George can tell
him how to transmit funds to me. I must close my letter here or I shall be too late
for the steamer. I send best love to all including the smallest. I will write Amy in the
fall a true and particular account of my journey which I hope will be welcome to her
Remember me to all friends and thank Mrs Morris for the letter

Your affectionate son Wolcott.

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