horrible. But for that alarm he might have recovered. Mancy was down to see me a few days ago. he looked well but will never recover the use of his arm. The surgeons told him that breaking it again would be at the risk of his life. He is the pet of West point. I sent him your letter to read, and he was much affected by the mention of him by his old comrades. He is a fine fellow as ever breathed. All West Point was in a blaze at the letter as I published it, officers & cadets. Mr Stewart has requested of me a copy of that part of your letter which relates to poor Rodgers to send to his mother. Give Palmer a hug for me. I'm glad he's shot.

Wolcott is looking famously. he cut off his beard & moustache before he came back. He has improved in his carriage and lost his embarrassment of manner. Your mother & Laura are both well. they are staying at present at Mrs Dorrence's in 4th Street, I am at Mrs Randolphs & Wolcott at another place. We are thus scattered until we get into a house we have taken in Broadway. Eliza & Lucius well. the baby is the same, if any thing rather better. Dr Thomas happened to be in when I brought up your letter & was very much excited by it. He swears that if he was not married he would have gone to Mexico on Scott's staff. You know he is much attached to you. All the Thomas's desire to be remembered. J.A.S. was very indignant at what you mention. Touching that matter it was in train before you wrote but nothing can be done until ~~aft~~ the meeting of Congress when if necessary I shall go on to Washington. There is another person more powerful than I am who is read enough. I am in hopes to have it set right but you & the rest must keep quiet. D. cannot be relied on & W. would forget between now & then. The Secretary is blameless. The thing was done in his absence & against his will. Let nothing persuade any of you to resign & tell the rest I shall work for them as heartily as for you. Mancy has been treated still worse

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