tion. Your conduct in Kearney's charge which has every
where been ~~mentioned~~ spoken of in private, ought to
have secured you one step at least & I have been
mortified that the reports did not state that you were in
it. As to Carson's appointment I have every assu-
rance that it will be stopped. Monroe has the matter
in charge & I wrote under cover to him to most of
the Senators whom I thought it desireable to speak to
on the subject - Wayne also [illegible]
Military Committee about it.

On looking again at the appointments in the list I am
glad to find myself mistaken - they are only the promotions
in course & not by recommendation, so that I still hope
to see a brevet for you.

We are all horribly mortified at a certain general
order - It is inexcusable & must injure us abroad exceed-
ingly - I have no doubt there was reason enough for cen-
sure, but this manifests personal feeling. The dissentions
in the army are much to be lamented. This d-d
political feeling is the ruin of every thing in the country.
- it seems to involve in its vortex every man of note
in every profession. My impression is that Taylor
will be the whig candidate for President - If not he
will at any rate run either from the democratic party
or as an independent. In the last case he would throw
the election into the house where the devil only could
tell its fate - but if run by either regular party his

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