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Wednesday morning 7th June

My dear Son Alpin.

There we have in the morning paper something that looks as if there was to be peace with the return of the Army. Miss Bankhead called yesterday morning and we had a long talk about peace and the return. She thought that her Father wrote in a rather disjointed sort of way — But she said he was enjoying a great deal in the climate and the prospections of that fine country. God grant that since you have had your rest in being there — and that I have none in your being distinguished by your fellows and before the world. That you may escape the other ignoble dangers of that pestilential low country and return to us the same good unspoiled heart that left us. We have had the two Miss Scott here to spend the Evening Mad.e did not come. Laura made it as pleasant as possible to them. gave them some of her own music — that of Fontana and Mrs Jaurney. And they seem to get on very well together. They are excellent finds of yours and although I did not see the Gen.t yet he has said very handsome as well as kindly things of you. You know how much pleasure we have had in the music of Fontana and in giving him our friendship. well he leaves us for Poland Sat. with prospects much less encouraging than when he decided to give his services to the cause of her liberty & nationality and the proposal that he made, that our officers yourself in particular should join the standard of Poland. will not be I fear an inviting one. he leaves great success in his profession good finds and perhaps sacrifices more than any other polish refugee. — he denies his parting welcome to you and good wishes. Wolcott returns from Delaware on Sat. — he leaves the week after for lake superior. to be absent with the scientific corps until novr. — We shall be here to receive you — I think you may expect a rousing welcome