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Dear Mama,

I received two [the two?] trunks with the letter dated the 11th Nov but last week: - and have just received your letter of the 17th just.

I have received everything completely, and very gratefully I am [torn off] know – according to the detail mentioned in each respective [letter.?]

My finances require nice management, which I am determined [torn off] bestow; and I will give a report of the state of them, before the termination of next month. I cannot be said to be in difficulty.

My flannel has been of indispensable utility to me – I have a supply of stockings. Both pairs of gloves came very seasonably white ones, are exactly adapted to my uniform, as it requires [torn off]. Col. Simmonds has been in Phila. for two weeks, and is expected there today. A cadet from W. point, with whom I am acquainted brought the trunk with him in the stage, to this place.

I get all the news from Washington. I have a slight anxiety [torn off] - perhaps like bubbles - and from as trifling a cause: - a disappointment will have as little effect, as their bursting. – for I never [formed?] any strong expectation, without somewhat of an almost mathematical certainty. It is founded on the General's former partiality Did I write you that the General with Mr. Beebe and his Brig. Lt. Ma [torn off] left this the beginning of this month for Washington? Mr. Beebe writes from there, that the promotions are soon to take place. It [torn off] my mind, the idea I conceived at Fort Columbus, when the [torn off] vacancies in our regiment was spoken of, in Mr. Beebe's [torn off] and the Colonel asked whether I could be promoted. A few vacancies

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had then taken place, and one but lately which gave one my step to a 2nd. Lieutenancy – But Mr. Beebe answered <u>readily</u>, yes – that [torn off] was a 2nd. Lieut. My idea was that he had learnt it from [torn off] cause, than mere curiosity: and that the General may [torn off] my rank and appellation rather more significant [torn off] he had me so closely attached to his person. He has been [torn off] [coming?] to get Capt. Visscher, his former aid, reappointed – and from the letter received from a member of congress, yesterday – is now using all his means – but ineffectually. That the president will not, this member [torn off] renominate him, – and if he do, the Senate will not [torn off]. And, I know, the Senate do confirm, the <u>Aid</u> must be a [torn off] other writings, since Capt. Visscher's removal, is ordered on duty as [torn off] Washington. The General is ordered to take the superintendency of the recruiting

[torn off] and with it, is expected, take his quarters at New York, if he do [torn off] remain at Albany. He will then be without either <u>Aid</u> or Brig. Lieutenant, and must soon choose his <u>aid</u>. If Lt. Post be not his [torn off] – as I strongly suspect he will – I think myself as high in nature's favors as any other I know. His Brig. Q. M. is no [head?] for the [torn off], composition, or much of anything. I will tell you of a compliment this Brig. Q. M. paid me, at an encampment on the march. He is a thick-headed fellow – but was ordered to take of the Milit's agent 1, 300 dollars to defray the expenses of our march – transportation of buggage etc. He was complaining, [torn off] declaiming to me, in his usual style of oratory, before several officers [torn off] his trouble is getting the Col. to rise and furnish him with certif-[torn off], vouchers etc. for what he expended. This was the Reg. Q. Master's

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duty – who had endeavored to complete them – but some that varied [torn off] the usual form were in arrears. Major Mapias this Brig. Q. M. [Quarter master] said he was referred by the Col. to me. I had adapted some certificates to particular accounts which met the Colonel's ideas, and who [torn off] them – but Mr. Mapias did not think them sufficient. I had a dispute with him at this time, as to the correctness of those certificates, when he, in his numerous turnings from the question [torn off] to the officers and swore, that he was referred to me for everything [torn off] that all arrangements proceeded from me; and that I was the [torn off] of the regiment in fact. But another time, I was still more highly complimented – but it was for the sake of demeaning the Colonel. Two officers were present – he and another were ridiculing the colonel's qualifications – he declared that whenever an order appeared, to [torn off] they might swear that Gardner wrote it.

I presume Papa is in good health. Write me in your next how he does – whether active or confined to the house principally. The sale of the Mare I think good, if you be secure. If you should require the amount of the two notes, the 1st of May at discount of 7 percent - they would then be worth 74 Doll. 27 cents.

I did not see Mr. Smith's brother at N. Brunswick. He and uncle Aaron [torn off] have seen me, without knowing me. My horse I got of a teamster – for 5 Doll who had a large 5 horse wagon for our Baggage.

With my love to Papa, and Julia, and to William [Very?], affectionately C.K. Gardner