

Ashland 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1851

My dear Grandson

I received your letter, which I was glad to get, as I was to learn that you are better satisfied this year than you were the last with the Academy. But I was alarmed yesterday on reading the enclosed letter from Genl. Totten. 45 marks of demerit in one month!  $\$8$  since the commencement of this Academic year! Why at that rate you will soon be demerited. My dear Grand child, I do hope that you will be more particular in your conduct. I should feel that your demerit would disgrace both you and me. Your pride as a man and as a soldier ought to prompt you to comply with the regulations of the institution. I think you cannot be aware of the marks