

New Orleans, May 24<sup>th</sup> 1848

My Dear Father,

You will feel much surprised at rec<sup>d</sup>. from me a line from this city, and still more so, on learning that at the moment you are reading it, I am probably in Washington, as I mean to follow it immediately.

You have learned all my views from repeated letters written on the subject, and will not therefore wonder that, having now certain news of peace I have presented my resignation, and have a leave <sup>of</sup> two months, at the end of which it, if accepted, takes place. I hope to reach home a day after this (though I may be detained) and can then fully detail my plans & reasons for resigning immediately instead of awaiting the declaration of peace. I leave the Army with honors enough for a Surgeon, and with an excellent letter of Introduction at Washington from Gen. Wool.

I expect to delay one day at least in Washington, & possibly two, to settle acc<sup>t</sup>s.



It may possibly occur to Eugene or some  
of my nephews being over to meet me  
there — to any such project, if entertained,  
I oppose my positive  veto — for good reasons.

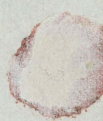
Gen. Brooks is anxious to detain me  
here, & may possibly do so another day,  
until the Gen<sup>l</sup> arrives, but I  
do not wish to lose a day, as I shall  
have but little more than two weeks  
to remain at home —

Abundant love to you my dearest  
parents & to all your own  
Yr affectionate son  
Frederic

Nothing preventing I start tomorrow at  
2 P.M. for Mobile —



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