New Orleans, May 24th 1848

My Dear Father,

You will feel much surprised at not 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 at 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, 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 &c, & reasons for resigning immediately instead of awaiting the declaration of peace — I leave the Army with honor 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 Acct.

It may possibly occur to Eugene or some of my impulsive young ones 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 Lieu. Genl. 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 from our

Yr. affectionate son

Grayson.

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

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