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My Dear Mother,

I received your letter
Some days ago. I was very pleased
To hear of your recovery for I was
Exceedingly uneasy for your condition.
I am very well and have had no cause
To complain since my return to
the institution. The wheel of government
is firmly and steadily balanced in its seat
of action again and more things with
its former regularity. We have between
a hundred and hundred and five cadets and a few
more to come I believe. The just is in
a fair way to do well and I hope it will
The reins are being drawn tighter
Upon us every day I have less
Spare time than I have had formerly
For McConnel has taken charge of
The drawing department and we have
To work harder, but the consolation
Is that we learn more in the end
We are regained to be very partic-
Ular in the drill one drill the plebes
And all cadets also in squad every

Afternoon. I myself drill a squad
Of plebes. Hard cases every mother's
Son of them. I am studying
Mechanical drawing and chemistry.
The Point is my healthy at present
Bob Stiles is just up from the meas-
Les I suppose it will spread
But no more cases have yet made
Their appearance. You know I have
had them. I heard Robert went
up yesterday. Suppose he is well
and at home with you all could-
nt learn if he had his family
along or not. Bob tells me that
Robert is coming down I will be
Marietta a day or two. I shall be
Exceedingly glad to see him.

I suppose by chance is by this
Time knocked in the head for
Hest Print for I know I shall
Not get it. Judge Butter wrote as
If he would try and get Lumpkin
To give me the appointment from
The diet. Why indeed I should think
Father has more influence with
Lumpkin than the judge. But that
is not the thing. There is a mistake
In the matter. Judge Butter is

A mistake not was asked to recom-
End me to the President and not to Lump
-kin. There is no name even from the
Diet and I didn't wish the judge
To recommend me Lumpkin of
Course as it would avail nothing
So his endeavors are perfectly worth-
Less. I perhaps may go if I get
Appointment even next year, but
I don't know if I should as the
Time is now 5 years; but if I should
Be so fortunate as the get the apt
This year I shall most certainly
Avail my self of it. I am sorry that
I can't write further today but I will
Shortly. And in all probability will take
40 dollars to pay my expenses I am
Sorry It is so much but at the same time
Glad that everything was of some use
To me. I went to the Hansells last night
All well I believe. I have been to church
Today I hope I shall hear from you soon
Tell Rob to write and Sister also and the balance
Give my love to all. I believe I am through
I am your affectionate
Son,
Pierce Young