

West Point

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1829

My dear father

I recd your favour of the 3<sup>d</sup>  
inst. I am glad to be able to write in answer  
to a portion of it that I am not only  
satisfied about West Point but in fact  
am so well persuaded that advantages  
closely connected with my future welfare  
may result from the continuation  
of my Academic course that nothing  
would now induce me to leave this  
place. My dear father your kindness &  
indulgence has convinced me that I  
have greatly erred and that I cannot  
too soon ask your forgiveness of my of-  
fence. When I wished to act in direct op-  
position to your decided advice by not  
returning to West Point my unwillingness  
to return did not arise from any obstinacy  
of opinion as to the utility of the course of this  
School, but merely from a sanguineness of