

West Point July 26

Dear Buchanan

I received your letter a few days ago and was very glad to hear from you I hope that I won[']t come another term and I don't think that I will come here next term. Is Horace Mathin at Bolmar[']s or is he going to another school you must excuse my bad writing and dont write very well I would be so glad if I was in Philadelphia now for I could ride on horse back and do a great many things which would amuse me and if I a [?] did place there and nothing one can amuse themselves in any way much if I was only passing a few days it would be well enough to [this here?] hole I am so glad that October is but two months more and then I can see my folks and Philadelphia I could almost kiss the streets of that lovely place when I go home I shall have plenty of riding, fishing and all kinds of amusement. I am almost homesick for I do not like this place. I do not see any one and their [sic] as only serving which I like work that is the only way I can have fun is to cut out of the school and go to the river but if we are caught we will have to write 200 lines or go into the black hole for 2 hours which is 4 times in 2 hours and its is 5 times a tour so we got enough of reports I have had more than 4 pages of reports in the big book which is a good many and have made more than a thousand tours and I get 40 to 50 tours a day which is great many and we have to [hulk ?] a great many of them and the other we have to stay in the study when the boys are at play to get them off I go in swimming very often and can swim in water which is 40 or 50 feet deep and as soon as I swim ten boys go in I could but swim very well I says I will go in their [sic] so I shove off from the rock and find that I was in very deep water so I think to swim as good as I could and reached shore I must close this letter

good bye your affectionate
friend

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