Camp opposite Matamoras
June 17th

My dear Eugene,

I promised you a letter a long time ago, but thought better not to write till I could do so without being alarmed. I was very glad to receive your letter at Mr. Benson's. I am proud of you, that I should be plighted to Mrs. Morgan — those kind friends whom I hope you will all one day know. I tell you that your letter was very well written indeed, not to enable you to be corrected, for you will have too much good sense for that, but to encourage you to write often, both for your own improvement, and my pleasure. You know at last commenced your schooling in earnest and I hope you do not mean to waste any of the time which at your age is so valuable. It is very important that you should study all your lessons well, because although there may be some things you do not care for, the idea of, remember that your teacher has tried longer in the world than you have, and therefore knows best what is necessary for you to get along well in it. Part of the time when I was at school I was very idle, and another time was always heard of my elope — when I now think of those times which do you think gives me most pleasure? Remember that you too will, if God spares you, some day be a man and believe me you will then be as proud to remember the days that were well spent, as you will be ashamed of those passed in idleness. Be very careful in choice of your companions and making friends among those who are obedient, idle, pray, now how would you like to be with me
in Texas? Perhaps when you see the soldiers in Philadelphia with their fine coats and bright swords, you will think of dreams beating you may happen. It seems like it all well. But I am sure that if you had seen the dreadful sight of the battle field your little heart would have been melted with sorrow. You would never think of coming into the Army. Let me advise you never to think of lying more of life. That will take you away from home — and, indeed, it is in war Samin's cause. I am sorry that your hearing has not improved, we must try some how to give you some salt bathing for the present. A new one is shown in the every day. My own hearing is very very bad, I have been much affected, but being now at best I have commenced a course of treatment which promises to do me much good. There are a good many Indians around here who at first went about nearly naked, but we have given them the uniform of the Mexican soldiers of which they are quite proud, though they look very funny. There are some Indians living on Motorcycle Island who are said to be cannibals. Although my letter is not very long, I hope you will write an answer soon, I persuade Emma to do the same. Give my love to all, be a very good boy and try to make our dear father and mother happy by being always obedient and respectful.

Your affectionate brother

[Signature]
My dear Mother,

As often writing to Eugene I have a little room left & must apologize for having of late been rather dep. from time in my correspondence with home than usual, and express my

sentiments. Thanks for the kind letter received from you on the occasion of the death of my estimable friend Dny. Your letters afford me the more pleasure as I know how sincere you generally are to writing, and feel grateful for the effort you are willing to make for my sake. Happily pleasure is to say a word to express my feelings on receiving news from home. I have just found that my engagement with the Martin Martin gives me $50, a sum which although less than I had hoped for is very welcome. The mail letters here and Embell I consider as being ette decided unsafe - this reminds me of something which has caused me a good deal of anxiety. The middle of April I transmitted to further a War Warrant for $90, the receipt of which has not been acknowledged, although letters the last I have had in that date is dated May 15 & seem to make reference to a letter of mine of later date than that transmitting the act. I have marked in my book as follows "Rev. Apr. 8 from Henry W. one act payable by the Parish & Banking Co. D. B. to 1930. War M.N. To 8781 $90 dated Washington.

As to me this entry in my receipt book is now all blank if the act has been lost, a further one can make anything out of it & beg time to do it. The last letter that I have rec? from him was on 10. I forget to mention that I sold from Dany to ACTION 14, 0t mak. money by selling some to Dr. Polk, but preferred letting the client have
As I think of home, especially on the Sabbath day, the desire to read my Bible or to read books waiting for me in the library seems to grow upon me. There is something in the quiet of the library that makes me feel at peace and content. I often find myself lost in thought as I sit there, lost in the quiet of my own thoughts.

Do you remember the day when we first met in Philadelphia? I was so nervous then, but you always made me feel at ease. I think of those days often and wish I could go back in time. But life moves on, and we must move with it.

I hope this letter finds you well. Please write to me soon and tell me about your day. I miss you dearly.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Philadelphia, [Date]