throw great light upon this subject. They teach the road which leads to honour & glory renown & happiness & shew out the beacon lights which are to exhibit the rocks & the quicksands upon which such souls get wrecked. — Next to these, elementary books on science & particularly that art or science which a man means to make his calling, should be studied & read with great care & attention. These studies lie at the foundation of all eminence of character, no matter what the profession is, that a man may be engaged in. I write now offer you a few maxims which I have found very useful in the course of my experience in life — It is an old saying but a true one that "with thoughts close, and a countenance loose, you may travel the world over safely." In your intercourse with mankind, your manners to your inferiors should be hearty, to your equals free & unreserved, and to your superiors always respectful." These maxims are short & pithy, but they are full of meaning, and of strong good judgment & sense. — You are now a soldier, and a soldier is always understood to be a man of honour. — You will therefore find it necessary to be exceedingly circumspect, in your moral character, and in your honorable department & bearing. — You should be careful with whom