you become accustomed to an Army life and to the free and social intercourse which limits of pursuit gives rise to it acts upon him like opium the more you taste of it the more you want to taste and although you feel conscious that it is ruining your health it is so fascinating that it cannot be left off. At your age however you can soon shake off the feeling and truly your home you will be a most valuable member of Society with Mrs Emory and the young Emorys whilst we will be a parcel of old bachelors. I wish you success with all my heart. I have very little news to give you And as I suppose any thing that appertains to a Regiment in which you have so many friends will be interesting to you I will let you know all I know about it. Our Col is here this long head Quarters. He still claims his Quarter part of Molly Hadzo and perhaps he may be deserved it more. He will do. It is so much better that he is provided for that it would be wrong in me to say any thing against him & I will only remark that having his eyesight and obstinacy & want of military feeling he will do. As for his profanity he still lives & Easter writes me is as poor a specimen of God's work as ever. poor old man. That a Regiment should be cursed with such an incubus. Our Major has gone on leave of absence. With regard to the Captains. Captains and Brevet Major Andrews is on leave. Capt Dow is at Rogers Hotel at Fort Smith suspended not by the neck however. Captain Cady arrived here yesterday from Leave of Absence. He is quite indisposed. Captain Ketchum is here flourishing in a Quarter Masters [illegible] Rocked hat & &c. Captain Alex is at Lewis[illegible] and a letter from him a few days ago. He was unwell [illegible] days was to get over this way. Captain Woods is here. The Lefts of the 6th are all flourishing. Those on at Lewis are well. Henderson is married and Bacon is to be married on the 4th of July to Capt Beales daughter. Const has been promoted to the 8th and is out there. Moore was here the other day was well. I hear from Pitz frequently he is well. Red Johnson is on leave and Dick Garnett and Nelson have gone out to Bacons wedding. As for the fellows here. Louis is fat and as good natured as ever. The Adj is as busy a boy of mind as ever and I think is going to be married to a young lady here. We amuse ourselves here riding on the Prairies visiting the Choctaw belles reading and playing billiards. We have no card playing and very little drinking. We have three or three very pleasant married ladies and in cold weather we manage to have a dance occasionally. We have had visits from the fellows at Washita Lewis and Smith and we manage to keep alive. I am much better pleased with the station than I thought I would be. I have enjoyed good health and spirits am fond of riding reading billiards playing &c &c all of which I have a plenty of