I should be a second Sim[illegible] — But I am
sure that they think although such a wild
[illegible] has set such an example to the
rising generation St Paul says "he who marries
[illegible] but he who remains single does
better." There is one thing certain — If a bachelor
can enjoy himself if he is happy why should he
exchange his lot for one which may be
miserable — If I put it on this ground I am
safe for I am never unhappy — I never allow
the cares and anxieties of this world to accumulate
on my spirit until they react unhappily on me — I
think I shall like this place — It is near Troy
which has a population of fifteen or twenty thousand
Comprising as I am informed some clever fellows
and as I know some pretty and agreeable girls —
I was out there the other night got acquainted
with all their belles and got back here at
two in the morning — You can imagine what
an impression I left behind me for I was
engaged from 8 p m to two a m & that too under
a shade pop of steam — I will venture to say they will
know me the next time they see me — I am
much pleased with the acquaintance I have formed
both amongst the Gentlemen and Ladies though
of course my acquaintance is too slight to speak
positively — The Gentlemen however who have called
on me appear different from any Northerners I ever saw
They are men with the gallant sons of the Chivalric South (God
bless them). They dont appear to have any of the
precious calculating spirit that characterises the land of onions and wooden
nutmegs — I think I shall like them
I dont I am near enough to Newport to go
there whenever I please — and it only costs fifty cts —
I can go also to Saratoga in a few hours for
so I am in time I will I could say with a
pocket full of rocks — Come on & pay me a visit —
I stop at a splendid Hotel the Delavan temperance
though so much the better for a little sake. The army
is to be increased — Come back to me with arms open
with open arms — You were intended for a soldier
I [illegible] so I dont mean to compliment you for in
popping times of peace the profession is not thought as
much of as formerly — I have some influence politically
(not military influence) and will do what I can for you
But if you are successful when you are remote — It
will be the best for you in the end. Get married &
live a respectable Gentleman Farmer & it is better
business than running around the country Rushing up
the Aisle as a Bachelor officer — How fares the bright
Ladies you introduced me too — Please remember me
Kindly to them and tell them that I have visited ~~any~~
the fascinations and beauty of my city in the Union Lady
Buchanan — By the by is Miss M in Boston. If so how
is she. My regards to Mr Murray & Mr Lyd — Tell the former I am
starting to take the brush on his own drug bills Forever —

Yr friend [illegible]