Albany and come away without being made happy I shall think my good opinion of your taste. I must accept with much pleasure your kind invite to visit this Maryland beauty if I am not a Benedict but Mr Walker knowing my fondness for pretty girls, will hardly give his consent to my going so far off on a frolick — Yes I will too, I don't know how long I shall be kept here but if I am here in July with the prospect of remaining during the summer will call upon you for that change — All my plans are at present veiled in Mystery I hardly think I shall succeed in getting men here and if not I suppose I shall be sent elsewhere if I do not go Mexico — Speaking of Mexico reminds me of one of our old friends the Lieut and Capt now Major Brown — If I had been present I am confident that my long the at the swinging of the arms which doubtly must with a perfect velocity would have done any fainting fit fear from my person. I doubt if he has read the complimentary account of his services will have an extra swing of the arm & perhaps may get to kicking his leg about a little. He certainly considers himself now a perfect "Major Domo" of a man & I should like to know whether he thought the light coming from the Mexican artillery was "a reflection of the sun above the horizon" he in his official despatch doubtlessly said — the "spec digy" of the whole affair flourish very extensively — Old Preston should have been there to help the Major in his arrangements & Ketchum to write an account of the whole affair. Thanks have been rich for the Member of the 6th to come & pay me a visit. My hope that after my friends are here. She says "my people shall be her people" but thinks that she prefers not making "my lord her lord" exactly she be it. Remember me to your wife & much better chance for heaven than your humble servant — Write. I shall always be most happy to hear from your old friend Walker