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My dear Lieut:

I have you will pardon the liberty I assume in writing to you on a subject of much interest to me at this time.

My eldest son has been desirous for several months to procure a situation in the Engineer corps on some rail-road. I had some conversation with Col. Kearney on the subject. At that time there was no vacancy; and Mr. the Colonel's reputation I directed his studies to the practice necessary to prepare him in a commission. He has I