Petersville Aug. 16, 1824

My dear Miss

Your two letters of the 13th July & 10th inst. I have the honour to acknowledge. I wrote to Mr Roscoe the 17th July, & informed him that I would endeavour next winter to obtain admission for your brother into the Military School at West Point. Presuming that he would make known to you this intention & expecting that I should be in Hagerstown in the course of this month, I neglected an acknowledgement of your favour — I entirely commend that warm solicitude for your brothers welfare which has covered you in the course you have adopted — and shall certainly have the pleasure to visit you when I come in Hagerstown, which I hope will be within a short time. If it is your desire that a recommendation of your brother should, in the mean time, be transmitted to the Secretary of War, I will cheerfully comply with your wishes so soon as I leave them — But I ~~doubt~~ ~~it~~ consider it unnecessary, as the selections for ~~the~~ 1825 will not be made until about February next —

I have the honour to be
Dear Miss
with perfect respect
yrs. dev. serv.
J. Lee

To
Miss Mary Douglass
Hagerstown
Washington County
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