

Hillsboro. Military Academy

November. 9. 1862.

Study Hours. 9. P.M.

"My Dear Father"

Your kind favor of the 4th containing "Twenty Dollars" (\$20) and in answering it allow me to express to you my "sincere thanks" for your kindness in supplying my wants so well" and you may rest assured that I duly appreciate your kindness. The bag of clothes that you sent has also been received. Uncle Cis brought it up from "Goldsboro" on Friday night last. We have heard to night that the enemy are at "Scotland Neck with" "Sixteen thousand" (16000) troops. and that a battle is expected in the eastern part of this state daily. I of course feel very anxious to hear something from there. On hearing

that the State was invaded, and
that strenuous efforts were necessary
to prevent their farther advance in-
land. and that serious apprehensions
of an attack upon some of its most
important places, were felt. The Cadets
of the N.M.A. deemed it their duty
to assist in driving the invaders from
not only from our soil, but from
~~from~~ their very homes and fire-sides,
and in view of this they have agreed
"en masse" (or at least 70" which is by
far the larger half,) to form themselves
into a Company or Cadet Corps to aid
in the expulsion of the enemy from
our State. to serve for the period of
one month, or longer if necessary
The proposal to go independently, having
nothing to get from the State, except
our "knapsacks". They have already
tendered the Captaincy, and 1st Lieutenantcy
to two of our Officers (whom I
trust are in every respect competent)

and they have accepted it upon
conditions that we gain the consent
of Major Gordon this we already
"provided" the Cadets gain the consent
of their Parents. I have taken no
steps, nor will I, until I hear from
you". In my own mind I have no
doubt that the whole thing will
prove a failure. I anticipate having
a very pleasant time this winter
and more especially from my
visit to "Lahau". Miss Henry has
one of the nicest rivers I ever saw
and they are both anxious for me
to come. Miss Lord and Miss Julia
Metcalf are going up with me
and a good many ladies from
Shushone will be there also, so
you see I will not want com-
pany. If you hear from home
please let me know.

Yours Affectionately
~~Respectfully~~
Geo. A. Spurnon

George

Nov. 9th 1822
