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Dear Father

I wrote you a letter some few days since and have not heard from it yet but necessarily or rather circumstances compel me to write this one. A few nights since myself and several of the "leadels" considered by all to be the best boys in school, one of whom stands first in school, went down to the depot to see the trains come, and while we were gone the officer of the guards visited and reported no absent from barracks taly an hour, for which offence he put us all under arrest, and the sentinels that let us pass he sent them home" he has decided our case and came very near sending us home, but this is not what I want to say I only mention this as an incidence. What I wish to tell you is this, you know you asked me in all your letters to be frank I will try and be so at least, but to my subject I must tell you that I think it is throwing money away to keep me here, not that I do not appreciate your kindness in sending me to school, or that I do not try but simply because I "cannot study" there is not a cadet in school that studies it is impossible to do so now. I want you to send me an discharge as soon as you get this. I do not think either that the school is a good one either, only two days since a leadel officer kicked a private white

on foot. a son of "Col. Cowan" and by the way a fine boy. the Private was sent home and the officer came out all right. this aroused the boys and caused several to be sent home, and more than one half are going to leave in a few days. But dear Father you and I both will have the satisfaction of knowing that ever since I came here I have been praised by the Capt. for my straightforward conduct and besides I think I will stand third or fourth in my class. I asked Major Gordon for a discharge but he would not grant it unless by your consent I told him just what I have told you. Please answer this immediately and send me a discharge.

Your Affectionate Son
George M. Spencer

Answer by next mail