Dear Billy,

Your letter from Augusta of the 13th (though not mailed until the 17th) came yesterday just after that mailed to you upon a letter directed to Dearnor. I have not had the time to write a letter today but shall make the thing in order to join you upon the point about which you asked me. And if you are still in the town, you an able to drive before I come - late it.

I think you are now in a very sensible state. I thought that when you were considering the plan of staying in Deadnor the coming year, that your mind was on a foolish bent. I am persuaded, though not a Catholic, that an honest confession is good for the soul - therefore do I confess that I am delirious enough to be glad that you are bound for the law with J. E. T. M. during the coming year. Though I should have been glad when you finally material at home for a course of philosophical training which I know must be worth much. But as being Deadnor and Georgetown (or any other competent law school) would in some view of the question of the question of your interest has the
fend to see you once or twice. Don't be satisfied that you will find the advantage for learning law at U. S. law school to your satisfaction.

J. H. Wilson & Mr. Morris cannot be equalled as teachers in the very best sense of that word, while Prof. Darrington in perhaps above the average. The other professors I know nothing about.

he was not there last year. Mr. Munro's lectures on Constitutional law (if we get the benefit of them) will be an item in the year's course, and the course of lectures of Judge Richardson on Statutory law.

I am sure you will be pleased with the profit by.

Takin all together (with recrui'ts out of the corps) it is so good every facility for learning law that any one, as it were, might shud. want.

You propose entering the junior class. I expect that is a good plan. Shudn't it a duty that you could enter junior come out a graduate in June and fully as well equipped for practice as I can hope to do. But you will find ample material by your att

My father--as I write you in the letter--sent you to Nashville yesterday will be detained in Atlanta until the middle of fall, probably, or possibly until the 14th of October. Do not think of the 14th of October. Do not think

that I can get the Washington before that
1st of October, as I am engaged with the affairs of the plantation. Otherwise I would probably be back about the middle of Sept.

May you don’t want to loaf around Washington or Georgetown until the school opens. Just pack your things up and steer for Durham, Georgia and spend the intervening time with me. It will cost you only $19.25 or $19.75 for 1½ miles from Washington to Augusta, Georgia and about 4½ from there to Durham. Get your ticket via the Crack Line route — by Richmond, Wilmington (N.C.), Columbia, & Augusta. Get the ticket to Augusta & then get a ticket from there to Durham via the Central R. R. of Va. If, after these lucid directions you get lost, it will not be my fault. With me at hand when to look for you. You’ve nothing to do until Oct. You might get me the benefit of your delightful presence until then.

I tell you frankly beforehand that I am promising you no pistol jollity. It is as hot as blazes here, the crops are turning out off shot by drought, & everybody has got a face fitted for General or Cassius in consequence. But if you can it will help shorten my visage, and I will do what in me lies to make it a little dull for you, as possible.
to make it quite interesting. With nothing to hinder my going to New York, I feel as if I could wait until then. I shall try to stay after this week. I am just getting the hand started picking cotton, but have been pretty hard pressed. But by the time you come, I will have lots of time with in which to send the light of my presence to you. Until we meet again, I am sure you will have to face beg - you will not find Death on the face table, so you can't tell what time you will get here until you get here.

Can't quite make you shall look for a letter by which mail telling me that you are coming immediately.

Yours affectionately,

[Signature]

W. L. McLaughlin

[Address]

Captain

P.S. Give my love to Fr. Dorman, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Larr, and the Mrs. Tell Fr. Dorman that I would be glad to hear from him. Write him soon days ago.
If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to

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