

Wm. P. R. March 19<sup>th</sup> 1846

Dear Pierre.

I have indulged the hope every week almost since the receipt of your letter written from Albany, to pay you a visit - but the weather and difficulty of obtaining permission (as difficult now as it ever was under the old reign of Lafayette Le Grand) have disappointed me but not willing - and if nothing unusual occurs I shall try and pay my respects to you and the General. Heretofore your letter was short and not half as full of gossip, as it might have been, considering you had been spending months in Albany, all of which time too, you were no doubt under the inspiring influence of this Capt. who has been as you may suppose a dull and stupid winter, nothing to amuse, and every thing to irritate. Under these circumstances you must excuse me from persisting to any length - I write you particularly to acknowledge your letter and to say why I have not been able to pay my devoirs to the General - but with such good sleeping and occasions of time, you have no excuse for not having been to cheer me in my solitude -

Sincerely your friend  
Wm. P. R. Lane.

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