

## Item for sale that may be of interest to graduates:

BY THE ANTIQUARIAN BOOKSELLERS' ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA: Letter from a cadet Louis Welch USMA 1845 in which he 'explains the injustice and arbitrary nature of the Military Academy's demerit system to his father who perhaps had received a report of his son's "spirit of insubordination." Welch points out that his "conduct [which] was so awfully subversive of military discipline" included a having a rusty musket, unbuttoned coat, improper forage cap, inattention at parade and drill, and smoking (which "is so common that no importance is attached to it".) In a further effort to trivialize his infractions, Louis reports that the father of one of the academy's most honorable cadets, was "nearly made sick" by an unfounded report that his son was "in the habit of visiting dirty grog shops."

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