Baltimore 15th January 1861.

Dear Sir,

It was only two days ago that I received your of the 27th December last with the enclosures. It was long on its journey and must therefore bear the blame of neglect for a reply of thanks. The Martini's and the Lancet's letters are interesting, and Bannister's will in time become a deposit of great value, when clarky demonstrates that every corner and cranny endow him with genius:— did you forget to add the Log initial? which I should prize very much. The Wrye MSS. was gone, suppose, imperfect.

Mr. Mayer is responsible for the departure of my story—(my story) if you will have to make it place with her if it gets rubbed out by the photographers, as was near happening here once on a time, I expect to come to W.
next week, and will try to see you
yesterday
B. N.
Major Shoop U. S. A.
Washington

Brandy Brayer