

of Phila. W. Co.

War Department, Washington DC
April 8, 1864.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that you have been appointed a member of the Board of Visitors to attend the annual examination of the Military Academy at West Point. It is made the duty of the Board to examine into the actual state of discipline, instruction, police, administration, fiscal affairs, and other concerns of the Institution, and to report the result of their examination to the Secretary of War.

Every facility will be afforded by the Superintendent to carry out the objects of the examination. The examination will commence on the first day of June next.

The act of August 8, 1846, authorizing the appointment of the Board of Visitors, provides "that no compensation shall be made to said members, (of the Board) beyond the payment of their expenses for board and lodging while at the Military Academy, and an allowance, not to exceed eight cents per mile, for traveling, by the shortest mail route, from their respective homes to the Academy, and back to their homes."

Under this law, therefore, no expenses, except those for the "board and lodging" of the MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, will be allowed.

You will please inform the Department, as early as practicable, whether, or not, it will be in your power to accept this invitation.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Edwin M. Stanton
Secretary of War.

1/24

W. A. J. J. J. J.
Mr. Stanton.
Apr. 64