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MAJOR GENERAL JOHN B. MAGRAW

1840-1862. Born in New York. Served in the Civil War.

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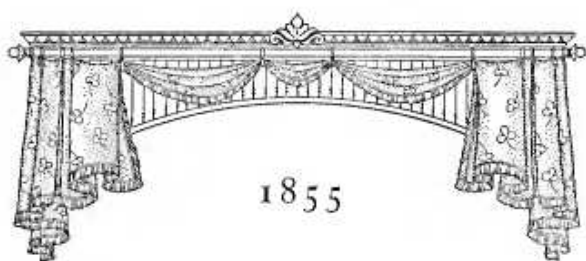
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JEFFERSON BARRACKS, June 22, 1855.

My dear sister :

I received this morning your letter of the 15th. I expected to have left this post yesterday for Fort Leavenworth, but shall not leave till to-morrow. When I arrive I will give you a description. You were wrong in believing that the additional pay influenced me in accepting the appointment ; it was the additional rank, and the compliment of being placed over the heads of over one hundred Captains, without being an applicant. I think and hope I have done right, and if it comes to the worst, I would prefer doing the same thing over, and then resign rather than decline ; but for the next year my station will be as pleasant as any in the West, except I cannot reach home quite so soon. The mail is only three days from New York. Fort Leavenworth is three hundred miles farther,

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but by water all the way, although the passage is not made quite so quickly as on your rivers. I am glad my plunder arrived safe; I believe I explained how some portions were to be taken out. I enclosed a small check to Mr. Fuller the day I left—did he receive it? I sold my horses and carriage for eight hundred dollars, and expect to supply myself with what I shall want here at half that amount, so that if you want any money let me know. I expect to overtake my travelling companions at Fort Leavenworth, as I hear that they have not left there. That is their starting-point, which is the commencement of a journey of nine hundred miles, and if they have good luck can go fifteen miles a day. I wrote you yesterday and last Sunday. With love to all,

Your affectionate brother,

JOHN SEDGWICK.

FORT LEAVENWORTH, August 10, 1855.

My dear father:

I have not addressed you a letter for some time, but as I have kept Emily posted up as to my whereabouts, I know you would rather prefer to hear through her.

I believe that you all regret the step I took