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Dear Miss Jackson:

I thank you very much for your letter and the accompanying copy of the Chronicles of Georgetown compiled by your father. I have only been able as yet to dip into it, but I am anticipating great pleasure from it, for I have been much interested since getting into our new residence there in studying the old history of the place. For instance, I purchased a complete set of the Georgetown Historical Society Reports and have found in the volumes a very great many matters of interest and instruction. I shall look up the original boundary stone in our garden, which you speak of. No doubt Henry can point it out to me. I trust that it has not been put out of place in what has been going on there. I regretted very much being forced to cut down three very large old trees which I think must have been planted by Mr.

Laird, but they had completely died of old age. I thank you very much, too, for sending me the photograph of Judge William Dunlop, whose wife inherited the old house from her sister, the daughter of Mr. Laird, who built it. He certainly was a fine looking old gentleman. The picture represents what is to be expected from his high reputation. I return to you the newspaper cuttings, as you may wish to have them. I very much doubt the authenticity of the anecdote of my father, but such little stories are amusing and whether true or not, do no harm.

I read Mr. Jennings' communication to Life with some amusement. He very evidently has not yet been "reconstructed". I return to you the paper executed by Mrs. Adams. I must say to you that the buttons referred to do not interest me at all. No doubt Dr. Gurley received them from my father as stated, but I very much doubt that my father received them from General Grant. Knowing the relation between General Grant and my father very well,

I cannot believe that there were any circumstances under which General Grant would have presented to my father a batch of Cadet buttons.

We are hearing that the weather in Georgetown is unusually comfortable for the season, and I trust that for your sake this news is true, and that you are very well.

Believe me

Very sincerely yours,

Robt. T. Lee

Miss Cordelia Jackson.