May 26th This evening your letter of the 4th came to hand and was heartily welcome, as I had not heard from you for 5 weeks and as all had written in it. I am right glad to hear that Eliza is again settled among you. I shall be the only absent one when Ap comes home in July. Your new location must be a pleasant one. more so I suppose than Houston St. And Eliza is close at hand. The letter gives me much pleasure and shall be duly acknowledged. I am also very glad that your book is at length printed and shall look for it eagerly. About politics I am delighted to hear of the demolition of Ingersoll and Dickinson and that [illegible] Thurrah for Daniel! We are all bitter whigs here so that I have no one to crow over. I suppose all prospect of war is over now and unless Yucatan and California bring one about. ~~Do~~ You tell me nothing of the former. Is it true that she has applied for admission as a state? what can be done in such a case? What about Mexico and are we to have war there? I am disgusted with New York - stock and lot, but I hope that the old hunkers and barn burners will mutually devour each each other and thus give the whigs a chance. Greely seems to have become champion of the antirenters and more mischievous than John O'Sullivan himself. About the minerals I will analise Jeffersonit, Eupyrchroit and Dysluite which are the most interesting. Whitney will probably take one or two more and I can easily dispose of the rest. Do not forget to ask Ben Silliman for the tourmalines for Rammelsberg. As many ~~difficult~~ different localities as possible - an ounce or two of each will be sufficient. The Hamburgh packets appear very slow sailers and the books you send me begin to savour of antiquity before they reach me. They are not the less welcome however when they do come. I have read Fremont's report, Gould having brought out a copy. I found it dull and badly written. He tells an atrocious story of 2 hunters who murdered several Indians in cold blood on suspicion of their having ~~murdered several Indians~~ robbed some Mexican traders whom they - the said hunters had never seen! There is however valuable information in the book. Schoolcrafts report I have only glanced at but it promises well. Send me any accounts of mammoths &c which may be discovered, they are read with great interest here. Tell Silliman his analysis of the Boston waters does him credit. And I am glad to see that he is at work in his laboratory analizing & not Thomsonizing. He shall have my analyses as soon as they are finished. I think you mentioned in your last letter that the Lyceum were to publish a volume soon. I wish you would