but here the luck changed and they continued playing losing till they lost everything that they had won and everything they had brought with them. The bank has now a capital of a million of francs and is winning enormously. We came away quite contented with looking on. Willis has been 4 or 5 years in Germany studying music under the first masters in Frankfurt and Leipzig. I hope he will do something some of these days for the credit of music in America. He is a very quiet unaffected fellow not in the least like N. P. The papers by the way are trumpeting the marriage of this last gent to somebody in New Bedford with tin. I had quite forgotten to speak of Lovelson. I do not believe that he intended any insult in returning the card but think that he did it because he did not know any better. Why cannot the government send gentleman to fill such places? You will I suppose have heard before you receive this that the Prussian Government has had the insolence to insist upon our appointing a prussian subject as American consul for the Rhine provinces. Lovelson has remonstrated, I hope strongly. I am impatient to know how the matter will end. I hope not in our giving up the point. I hear that the prussian consul Schmidt in New York is looked upon as a prussian spy, his office being to find out to what persons in Prussia the Germans in America write letters, and give information of the same to his government. From what I saw of him in Berlin I was led to form a very good opinion of him. However you can bribe a German to do anything. — I will have Wm's balance and porcelain sent to him from Berlin without delay, likewise a few minerals to you and some tungsten & uranium ores for myself which I want you to keep carefully for me. I wish hereafter to work them up into chemical preparations. A number of Lillimans journal and bails electro magnetism came to hand a few weeks since via Hamburg. My money will last me another month or longer perhaps, after which I will call on Mr Schlesinger. Ask Dr Torrey about his balance I can pay for it now if he will pay you in New York. I fear that I shall not have time to write to Wm by this steamer but will make up to him hereafter. The laboratory expences here are rather heavy so that after all it is not cheaper here than in Berlin. Wood is however better and more abundant for the price, but the water in the town is undrinkeable and we have to use a cheap sort of rhine wine to dilute it with. The weather has been very cold