success is certain. We have no letters from you at
Vera Cruz. Kendall and the rest tell us that you were
down there in command of a company which brought
the train & Kendall says you were wider awake than any
man there. He seems to be a jolly character - He was
at the New England Society's dinner the other day where I
made his acquaintance. You should have heard the cheers
we gave your bloody [illegible]. I proposed Smith myself
& bigger hurrahs you never gave in the great square when
Scott rode up. Keep me in ~~the~~ general's Scotts remembrance.
I once time hoped to hear the pleasure of voting for him
next fall, but I fear that hope is vain - Still as he has
a good constitution he may serve one term yet when
this muss is over.

The family are all well. Eliza will be again confi-
ned this week. She is perfectly comfortable - Francis is
down on Long Island for the holidays with Frank Stout.
Laura as usual running to parties & the opera &
we even get the Doctor out occasionally. Mother is
very happy at being at housekeeping again - the servants
are tolerable. Mrs Bell who is wintering in town has
lent us one of her training conditioned on being retur-
ned in the spring sound in wind & limb. Your friend
Miss Mary is as German as usual & she and Wool
talk immense quantities of Dutch together. Mr & Mrs
Gerard Morris & Miss M. were at the party last night
& asked after you.

I have ordered the Weekly Courier to be sent you regu-