time to time during the trial in a way which mortified his friends. You saw the vote he got in the convention for President - It was large enough to gratify him at any rate. In truth the contest was between him & Taylor & Clay had no chance from the first. He would have moreover got the nomination but for some d-d native American letter he had written a few years ago. - Cass went through this State without a hurra. in spite of his body guard of Senators.

We have not decided what to do for the summer but I think your mother will go for a week or two to Saratoga - She is pretty well - Elisa goes to lake Mahopac, a few hours from town, where Lucius can see her frequently - The children are very well. the youngest in particular. The cits here are going to give the volunteers a blow out when they return - Its a pity the government did not disband all their ruffians in Mexico or let them go to Yucatan - they will be a curse to the country here - all the rowdyism of the nation will centre round them. Some of us are getting up a monument to the Newyork regulars who were killed in the battles - Capt Lewis Morris, Chas F. Morris - Burke, Duckavett Field & Rodgers. I have had a very pretty design made