Kearny is retransferred to the rifles. There was some hesitation about the propriety ~~but~~ of giving him his former rank, but as there were precedents found in ~~its~~ favor of it, and the friendship of those ranked by him was known, it was deemed that there would be no objection. You and Stuart I have reason to know have in particular been highly recommended to the department from a quarter that has great weight, & will be taken care of. Gen Kearny has applied for orders & will receive them. This will render Benton furious. Fremont persists in his resignation. Benton's influence at Washington is destroyed his insolence & tyranny have been too great & I have reason to think he will be thrown over. You may rely upon it I think, these matters are generally well understood at Washington & that a disposition exists to take care of the army proper, though why no appointments for merit have been made I cant learn.

I shall get your band business on as fast as possible. The order from Jones has not come yet, but I am to see Capt. Knowlton about the preliminaries to day. He is recruiting here. The sticking point will be that they cant pay for their ins-