known as much as I do now. However his fish is somewhat overdone and there is no use keeping more of it. As to Hitchcock, I did not call on him at San Francisco & think not even had I had time. I did not like him last winter at Benicia and my opinion is not elevated since. He has behaved very badly about the mines which he promised to send immediately for our protection & to punish the Indian murders on Klamath, instead of which he sent four companies I think to Fort Vancouver where there was no more use for them than in Heaven, besides one or two to Port Orford, a little hole in the coast in which it is said he owns lots and where he has had dragoons infantry, topogs, artillery & what not barracks &c for more than a year past. I saw Hooker but for fifteen minutes, but spent an evening with Storey — & it but it does one good to meet an army man. There is something in the grip of one's fist that goes to the nearness of a man's heart, and you old friends have been so much mine that I seem to be hugging you when I meet them as I suppose they feel towards me. Stoneman too is a glorious good fellow, hearty honorable & very much attached to you, as to do you & them justice, all are. I'll tell you one man I like, & that is Stone. I think more of him than of almost any body of his age I ever saw. If he does not make a great man one day, it will be because he does not get a fair show. Poor Kennedy & old Miller had both lost their number in the mess since I was at Benicia, Griff. I did not see. Only think of the old heathen writing me a letter of seven pages. I saw Cross who was with us in crossing across the plains & Major Smith, the Doctor, brother who puts me in mind of him a good deal. You report that the