You may suppose that what interests me most at present is this confounded office. There is a report here that Adams friend here received letters from him saying that he has got the appointment. I presume that it means he has got the promise of it, for Gen Pierce would hardly give him a commission before he got his own. The Secretary of the Treasury has probably got the promise. It will be a pretty commentary on Pierce's inaugural for one of his first acts to be the retention of a defaulter. But we never know how these things are smoothed over. I am going down to the sea shore, about ten miles off to shoot geese as soon as the columbia is out. All my returns are ready and go by this mail and before the next comes I shall have the balance of my writing done and be ready to hand over if necessary. The business of this office is generally in one or two heavy jobs during the year, and the rest is nothing. My love to all as usual and to you dear mother from

George

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