Exhibition well deserved but too awful to be
desired by any lover of his kind.

If McClellan has not matured and does not contemplate
a forward movement, I shall never forgive him for
having concentrated the last 30 000 about Washington
they would have done better service in Western Virginia
Missouri or Kentucky. I hope he means to cut off
Johnston in the North or compelling his retreat
free West Virginia and push his advance to
the Manasses Gap and through the Shenandoah
valley sweep down on Lynchburg, Lexington
and into Eastern Tennessee while Banks shall
cross the Potomac at Harpers Ferry move to
Winchester & unite with the advancing Column
at Strasburg and either cooperate on pursue
Lee then effectually cut off from his communications
with the East and South East by these movements

I have always had a hankering after Lynchburg
and Weldon N. Carolina the possession of which
in my opinion would breed a famine in the
Rebel army. This must be done rapidly
for it grows late for movements in the Mountains.

Write me soon & often. Faithfully Yours John Austin Stevens Jr.

The money movements go smoothly enough — and recruiting is very [illegible]

There will be a rush for the war in this State when the Canada crisis —