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Dear George,

I have not heard from you for some days but hope all goes on smoothly and that the advance will be soon. From high quarters in Washington we hear that both the civil and military branches of the Administration are working satisfactorily at last and that our European affairs have the best look — which is certainly pleasant when such rumors are afloat as to the French intentions in Mexico and the English in Canada — If we have one years grace we can hold our own against any interference or combinations they may make — I am sorry to hear bad accounts of Bleuker and to see that he is made the head of the examining board of German officers — I have heard great dissatisfaction expressed here — Yesterday the card of Col: Rosa of the Fremont Rifles a military man of fine experience I am told appeared here — He declines to serve under Bleuker and says if the Govt insist he will resign but that he will not serve under a General who knows nothing and who secured his position through ladies favors and not by