whose property, his wifes also have lately been confiscated, whence her visit. I think the issuing of the past an outrage and I hope McClellan will pay no respect to any such whether in favor of Males or Females — for in such ways in my opinion all information goes —

Genl Sherman and his expedition are off from this point — and I hope will be well away from Annapolis by Monday night — I have made great enquiry about Sherman here and among officers and there is only one opinion — that he has not the qualities, ie rapidity of judgment, fertility of resources and organisation to render him likely to succeed — McClellan must give him the best troops in Washington — the very best and the best commanders for every thing depends upon its success. Burnside and his expedition will I hope be off in ten days — He will operate in conjunction with McClellan and I consider that he will lead a forlorn hope in the attack on land batteries by a flotilla —

Sewards proclamation has raised the devil here and Stocks are down Governments too about three per cent —