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My dear George,

Your letter of 18 ... were received in regular course — Do not take any further trouble to enquire about Lulley — He is a Hungarian but I think not a 'Vase Indeax' —

The Administration are doing as much as they well can to disgust us with our form of Government and it will be a wonder if it survive the trial: they seem to be determined to undermine the spirit and patriotism of the Country by a series of petty disgraces and reverses: disgraces in appointments, in the presence of Nikoff at the White House and reverses wherever our troops or navy have engaged the enemy —

We presume here that the engagement in which Baker lost his life yesterday was but the beginning of a forward movement of our right wing, Stone in the centre and Banks & McCall on the right and left of the