moving column — I am rather surprised at the rebel strength so high as — the impression here being that they had abandoned all idea of an attack and were resting their right flank on Aquia creek and left on Manassas —

We hear nothing here of the movements of the fleet which however was to have left Annapolis yesterday and which I hope will reward us for the many petty losses which it has cost us in absorbing the undivided attention of that respectable old fogy Welles —

A series of defeats will cost old Abe his situation and all the scullions will be kicked out with him — for I mistake badly the temper of our people if they do not force Congress who are approachable to kick out their unapproachable but not irreproachable "heaven save the mark" servants.

The struggle we must make must be with the politicians and until we do we shall