have nothing but corruptions and defeats —

I had a long talk with Genl Anderson who is grown much better since he was removed. He has no stomach for the fights with rebels — He thinks Halleck may be called to supersede Fremont when removal seems quite probable. Quee tal? all the officers speak very highly of Halleck and consider that in many respects he is the equal of Sherman and McClellan though not perhaps in the immediate handling of an army McClellan doubtless is above them all — but officers have such different views of other officers, that when the Doctors disagree a patient civilian may well be excused from a little uncertainty.

I am anxiously awaiting Carey's instructions wanting which I begin with Cooper —

I hope to be in Washington in a few days for a day or two — Faithfully Yours,

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