whether there is any intention on the part of Rebel authority to do more than clothe, feed, and disband them like so many men.

It is certainly very mortifying to feel what a stick we make in the military way on a small fighting capital—

The South will be overcome by the operation of natural causes who are sure, while an armed enemy holds their entire ports in a grasp we can not do— a few years and they repeal their secession act— The Lords of the cotton manors must be conquered; and stripped of the power, which long years of unfairly gained and unfairly used supremacy over their fellow whites has given them, in the shaping of the legislation of their government— I want some crushing defeats—

It may be that the government holds back to strike the harder at a later day— but the statement of the Secretary of the Navy that we did not pursue our advantage at Hatteras because the army was not ready to co-operate. Squints in another direction and we may draw the inference that the same reason has prevented any movement at Hilton Head in advance— I am free to say that