and suffice for [illegible] review of the "Inquiry", in which is accumulated an additional quantity of probability against the ambitious pretensions of that renegade Florentine who came discovering for France, all & Tony Iskanda and considerably more than its dependences.

You tell me of winds, that I shall find the subject, as respects the Atlantic coast, in the Army Meteor. Register. You might as well tell me that if I want music to buy a violin — that all that mortal ear can crave is to be got from there. My brains have scraped the book, and not a sound. The preface does not explain the tables to my comprehension, and no one seems equal to the task of much excelling me. I have asked the question of Mr Hilgard, supposing that it is his sworn business to understand what science the medical bureau puts out on paper. I hope to hear that the line of figures means, say for the month of March, winning from Smithville out, in any [illegible] that may be thought interesting. Stupid would be the mind, not scientific, that could get up a book like that.

Tell me, Is the name of the President Talk or Hang? My poor opinion is that his predecessor is correctly said by the Copperheads to have been the best the best friend the South had in the North, if you will read for "the South" the Rebels; for I take it by the terms accorded to Lee, and which have since been the exemplar in other surrenders, has ennobled their cause & honored their conduct. It will be a matter for the young West Pointer to excite a civil war for the benefit of the profession, without hazard to the neck of an individual if he is military, or a civilian even; if he should carry a sword & wear an epaulette. As matters are left, appears to me the people of the free states have been violating the Constitution, and destroying the homes, fighting & killing the