with an account of his Virtues in it. Did you know that Wm Channing has left Washington. I saw in a paper that his son had taken the first honors at Oxford, and was a candidate for a fellowship.

I presume we shall hear from Alfred next week. Peggy has not written to me, and her letter to Laura is a kind of complaint against Alfred's being sent off. If he does not suffer in health, and I think the sea voyage will have set him up, it is well that he went, for the officers of the army who hold Volunteer Commissions, and are not in actual service, will in a few days be mustered to their original ranks. I am on the look out for Granville's return to induce him if possible to recommend Alfred for promotion in the regular Army.

I saw Mr Seward for a minute or two day before yesterday, just before he started for Cape May. The wire frame which he wore on his face is removed, but he still wears inside the mouth, a gutta percha arrangement. He is much disfigured, one side of the face being enlarged. He was however in excellent spirits & very cordial. Frederick S. is rapidly improving. He gives a very distinct & intelligible account of his sensations during the period of his convalescence. He had his consciousness perfectly, but was unable to speak and made attempts to write in a state. Strangely enough