a dozen schoolmistresses who were forthwith knapped up and married off. He now comes out accredited to Gov. Andrew with proposals for a cargo of young women. The residents of the Territory who have families, have agreed to receive them into their houses, not as servants, but as members, & to allow them decent support until they can take care of themselves. Mercer tells me that he has engaged with 700, of whom 200 pay in part or whole their own passages. The rest is provided for by subscriptions. Many of them are orphan daughters of soldiers. About a dozen married women inspired the crowd. Gen Grant has ordered a transport to take them to Panama, gratuitously. I understand that every arrangement