say to him that I thought the Pirate should have a chance in a healthy climate & with some show of permanence; that he had been moved from pillar to post so often, & in such a pestilential country, that he ought to be allowed to recuperate purse and health. He said he thought so too, & would look after him. His expression towards Alfred was of the heartiest description, and his two officers, the Forsyths are true friends of his. I had an opportunity also of bringing about the formal visit of Sheridan to the President which ~~we~~ all agreed ought to be ~~done~~ made, but which was rather an awkward thing.

But Mitchell has come for the letters, so that I will finish tomorrow

George