would be some offer made to you of a situation at Shanghai
they want a confidential person to take charge of their affairs
Wolcott inquired of me if I thought he could accept for you on
the instant such a situation if it depended upon immediate
reply. I cannot decide in my own mind, and should be sorry
to sacrifice your propriety in Oregon and your position in a public
sense for I am sure that you may exercise a good influence
on the affairs of that County. However my dear Son, the only
thing I wish is that you should feel happy and content, do not
think of me or my wishes to have you with me. Our friendship
and confidence is not the less that plains and mountains
divide us, should you go to China your ultimate fortune may
be bettered but you will not be near Frank and that is one
of the strongest reason with me. I give you my ideas as
they rise, but it seems to me not easy to reason on such light
grounds. Hove was here yesterday he complains bitterly that
you do not answer some letters which he has written to you
to unfold plans relative to the British possessions and
which he thinks you could manage for your own interest
and that of others. He thinks that the affair if you have
not taken it up will fall into the full fanciers of the
Aspinwalls. — I think I have mentioned it to you.
Hove is as fat as possible absolutely shines. I am inclined to think
that he lives too free. at any rate he seems to care for all
of us. and particularly for you still he growls that you do not write
he certainly thinks you may make something of that business he
has written about. — I have just returned from dinner with Mr. Pinkney
Stuart with Wolcott who walked down with me they called after dinner
to invite us all but Laura remained at home to write to you.
Pinkney lives with Mr. LeRoy his wife's father. Mr. Stuart seems
prosperous and gave us a most excellent dinner. I am getting
on very slowly with the gas men and the other things, the house
turns out to be extremely well built and we are singularly quiet
Brock sailed for Europe with his wife yesterday at 12 o'c. in the
Pacific. she is plain and fierce looking. of good family and well
connected in Washington: he desired to be aff. remembered to
Alfred and you — Wolcott gave him a letter to Theodore Fay Boston