Dear George. I begin this letter this evening expecting to finish it tomorrow morning after I have seen Mr Hall. Chris is Sunday evening and I hope therefore to find him as usual at home. He has just recovered from a severe fit of the gout which I must say he richly deserved. Howe was here yesterday and complained very much that you had not answered his letters concerning the purchase of the lands of the Hudson Bay Company. I suppose you have not recd them at all. I learn thro' Austin Stevens that you recd the clothes - you mention the box of books. The other books you wrote for could not be had. Frost has been here with his bride & I gave him a letter to Fay in Berlin. Hatch has also been successful as we hear. Grainger has gone out to France - I presume in search of his lady love. I called on Van Buren last night. He has been laid up 3 months with rheumatism and has suffered very much is better now. Poor Geo Anthon has met with a great misfortune - he has been turned out of his professorship by a rascally intrigue of his colleagues and is now without a situation. He has however just published a pamphlet exposing the whole affair and putting the other professors in no very enviable position. I look for a mess all around. My affairs at the Academy are still in statu quo and I am looking around for another place. I don't think anything will turn up in Columbia College for some time to come. I have a work on Chemistry preparing and another on Physics in my mind & think they will bring me in something. Putnam gives me 10 per cent on all sales. I have had a long talk with Charles Wolcott about Francis' going to China. I am a little inclined to think that an offer may be made you from the same quarter tho' of course you will not count upon it. If an offer should be made which in the opinion of your friends is a really good one I shall take the responsibility of accepting it for you.