this is coming to. We shall be whipped at first, owing to utter want of organization. Maryland, Kentucky & Missouri will then break out in their true colors as Virginia did on the capture of Sumter. The line will then be drawn with a knife & we shall have to raise the war cry that we crushers dread almost as much as [illegible]. But I tell you it is going to be done. If we are in condition to win the first pitched battle, we should drive secession into the cotton states, but we have not the leaders. In every thing but money, Davis has the advantage of us.

Alfred's nomination as asst. adjt. Gen. was undoubtedly sent in yesterday, & I have very reason to believe, will be approved. I am doing all in my power to get the troops recalled from Kentucky. It would have been done a month ago, but some of Cameron's friends want the contracts for transportation out there.

Love to the Dutchess & your young ones.

Always yours

George G.