mission when he will join McClellan Meanwhile he ~~will~~ has gone down to Fort Monroe.

McDowell advised that Alfred should accept the appt of Asst Adjt Gen & come home, as here on the ground he would be more likely to rise than if he remained. At the same time I hardly know what to say about it. Alfred should have had a majority in one of the new regiments at least.

Several of the Boundary Survey have returned from Oregon. Mr Gardner & Hudson are both here, the others have stopped for a few days with their friends. I have gone back to my old room at Cammack's. I could find no better place & the people there are very attentive & old fashioned. The old lady who is near 70, fusses round and sees to every thing herself, & the servants are English - They all think Suckley a terrestrial angel & gain at him whenever he appears.

The members of Congress are beginning to arrive. The general opinion is that they will stand no nonsense or talk, but do up their business & clear out. We have had some very hot days & a good deal of rain. I fear the troops will suffer, though as yet there has been no sickness that I have heard of.

Give my best love to Lizzie. You must wake her your amanuensis & I shall expect