Newport July 24 1861

My dear George,

Father reached town in the morning having hurried down from Saratoga to help the Government again through its money vaults — defeat not being the surest avenue to the money vault —

I hope you are correct in your belief that Mr Lillian is ordered to Washington but I very much doubt it — McDowell was clearly the Cabinet pet. and I question whether the tenacious Gentlemen who compose it will be content to let him down with one reverse, though I do signal you know that I long since abandoned the idea that any consideration of the wishes of the Country ever swayed the conduct or influenced the opinions of our Rulers

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