vigor and earnestness of the Nation, there would soon be an end of this Rebellion.

We had hoped that our parties would have been united this fall but I see nothing which looks that way now — my own wish was, that with the best of the Democrats the best of the Republicans could have "spewed out" of our party the abomination of abominations Thurlow Weed or as he calls himself Dictator and with him gotten rid of "le fin renard" Seward who when sober is as smart a politician as any of them, but whom no one in mente sana would now accuse of statesmanship —

Remember me to Dr Buckley whom I shall see long address — I shall be glad to hear that he has no longer a gloomy anticipation of a second Manasses —

I suppose if Jefferson Davis is dead — the public buildings in Washington as on a late occasion will be draped in mourning — there is some talk of arresting Stringham for a breach of the Peace!

As always, faithfully Yours John Austin Stevens Jr