Nothing has disturbed me so much as Alfred's capture and sincerely hope he has not lost all chance of a hand in this trans - after all his gallantry it is a scandal to be so betrayed - I still hope that Lynde may have taken the onus of general parole upon himself.

In the Herald of yesterday and today in the Washington correspondence are two very good jokes on Welles - which you should read and enjoy -

The Loan subscriptions go on well but will hardly relieve the Banks of enough (unless the popular subscriptions become vastly more popular) to enable them to handle the second 50 Million with any comfort if at all, but all this is purely confidential.

The Government may not be doing a great amount of work but they are using a very considerable amount of money - the Secretary has drawn up to this week for 36% of 511 Million and today for 20% more, while the outside subscriptions will not exceed 56 Million -

I carried your note on the subject of want of beds in Washington to the Evening Post yesterday, saw and had some words with Parke Godwin, Bryant being very little in town - and he deigned to say that he would say something in the Evening Post last evening which, however, as I suppose he feared he