might thereby embarrass this Administration, "heaven
Save the mark" he did not design to do. He then said
"Your friend Gibbs has some 'grievance' has he not — he
wrote a very severe article for us charging the members
of the Cabinet with mindry things of which he P. G.
knew they were not guilty." I told him you had
no private grievance but like myself and nine out
often so large a public grievance that nothing but
a change in Washington will satisfy them — nothing
but a breaking up of the Southern army from the
operation of natural causes will in my opinion
save this Administration — I am clearly of opinion
that if we do not break it down, it will break us
down — The story here yesterday was that
McLellan has with Banks' command 165.000
men at and near Washington but I do not credit
it, though the source was a good one — I have no
doubt now he is strong enough for defence but not
strong enough for attack — Let me prophecy
On the first of October the Banks will have to
decide whether they will take the Second Loan —
they will find themselves with 30 Millions of the
old on their hands beyond what the Public have