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Dear George,

I have your letter of 12th and am glad to hear that Cameron and McClellan are harmonious - it was only necessary to complete our misery that Scott, McLellan and Cameron should have chosen their positions at the extremities of an isoceles triangle - Cameron is not so mischievous as Seward by half - but he has a very bad name - while Seward has kept his cowl a little closer -

When our Bankers were in Washington giving the ancient Abraham a few gentle hints - they were informed of their dangerous procedure by Blair, he said that they were mistaken in supposing a want of vigor in the Cabinet, but that they should direct their energies to the removal of Scott who was the great do little of the Campaign and to be candid I was fearful lest they should throw Cameron who was just then quite uneasy in his seat and leave the greater jockeys more firmly settled. Your account of Mr. Sellan's