conversation with you is a proof that Cameron is quite willing to go in the straight path if a stronger mind will only show him the way.

Scott is certainly too old for his position. From the beginning he has fancied great columns and great battles and great victories and dreamed of a greater Scott, but his energies have not proved equal to his imaginary campaigns.

The Cabinet has had great praise for its reticence but with as much justice as a dumb man should receive for keeping silence. I don't believe that they ever seriously entertained any plan.

That part of your letter which referred to the opening of offices for subscriptions to the National Loan in California was read at the Treasury Note Committee today and father as Chairman thereof to day addressed the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject.

You say that you do not know the amount of McClellan's forces — We have had all sorts of reliable accounts here — the last from an intimate friend of Mrs McClellan's indirectly gives us the