cheering information that the Genl had 250 000 men
within eight hours call of Washington — but again we
are told on the on dit authority of Mr Aspinwall
who is also said to be very intimate in the same quarter
that he had received a letter of 8 or 16 pages from Mr C.
and that he urged him to send him at least 150 ~~M~~
More men or else no forward movement could be
undertaken — Those pages are hard to credit —
I am sorry to see the weak and miserable
proclamation of the President or rather letter to Fremont —
granted that the proclamation of Fremont was ill timed
it was worse than weak to explain it away — If
it had not frightened the timid, it would surely have
stiffened the strong and the change may hazard
what is much more important than Kentucky the
large German element of the West who look upon
this war from the European and not the American
Stand point — On the other hand Fremont is
an impetuous independent spirit whom they
can not compel to work with a collar on and
I have no doubt he will give the Cabinet a
World of trouble yet before they have done with him —
which I heartily pray for — the absurd confiscation