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My dear George — I do not know that I have any thing in particular to say — only to thank you for your note of 16th and to discuss generally the old topics. I think the troops are coming fast enough now to satisfy you — at last I am entirely at ease as to the absolute safety of Washington — I believe that we have nearly 150,000 on the Potomac and that our young chief is meditating an advance — The plan of a great column on the West and an early descent of Fremont's army down the Mississippi is I presume partly abandoned — and the troops which should have swelled his divisions are now at their route to Washington whence the forward movement will be made — I am assured on the best of authority that Fremont has been ordered to report in Washington — The feeling is general that