of Coin - Now why not use the note itself instead of the ~~note~~ [illegible] resting on another ~~note~~ obligation of surely no stronger security and the same in kind - Of course the amount issued should always be convertible and a respectable balance should always be kept in Coin at the points of redemption - We would then have a Govt Bank without its dangers or ~~unp~~ opularity and we would be rid of this disgrace of a thousand different bits of paper representing money -

Keep me advised of your movements as well as of whatever else goes on of interest in the Army -

I spent the evening with your mother a few days since -

As always
Yours John Austin Stevens Jr