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Dear George,

Father will reply to your letter himself I presume. We have all been aware of the relations between [illegible] and the knowledge that the Secretary was doing all in his power to aid the General has done no doubt acted as a solace on the minds of our influential men. There is and there will be no movement from our Banking circles or any other with which I am familiar to dismount any of the Cabinet officers. A great reverse would I presume necessitate a change and the [illegible] would be great enough to make one. Elsewhere however uncertain. The people feel that they have been grossly betrayed by the incapacity of those in power and we have really shown ourselves inferior in vigor or executive ability to the Jeff Davis crew—

I day we learn that Mulligan has been compelled to surrender at Lexington and the line of the Missouri River is again partly reconquered by the rebels. There are many complaints about Fremont. Gen McClellan and the leading men in St Louis arrived here a day or two since