leads me to fear that the meaning of all this inaction is compromise after all –

There is a general wish here that Scott should leave Washington but no one seems inclined to "bell the cat" – and if Seward means compromise Lincoln will never permit him to be removed. So the destinies of a great country now in its great struggle for everything dear are depending on the shifting humors of a superannuated old man and the shuffling politics of a Jeremy Diddler –

So thoroughly do I despair of the future, that I really begin to look with some hope on the doings of the next Congress as a relief from our inactivity which is killing us as surely as defeat – the energies of the Nation are damped; their spirit breaking under the successions of mean disgraces to which our rulers have by their incapacity subjected us – the money question is becoming a serious one; the people have taken 15.000,000 of the 50.000.000 subscribed by the Banks – The Treasury needs 15 c 20000.000 from 1st to 15th October and then wants its 50.000.000 again and in