It is not impossible that Gov Morgan would extend me all the time necessary (say three months) to set up a regiment — Is this time enough? —

The leading person engaged in the business is a Major Lulley, one of the Kossuth companions, who is I understand well known in Washington — Will you trouble yourself to ascertain his character military and civil? —

My father advises me to ask your advice on all these points — You know my character and are as able to judge of my qualifications for such a post as any man, and are friend enough I know to advise me as you think —

Something of a military business I intend to pursue at once — as I plainly see that it is the duty of every man to be ready for the day when his country shall need his services —

Something serious is on foot at last — the Government chartered and ordered to coaling docks, yesterday, all the steamers in the harbor, the Atlantic, Baltic, Vanderbilt, Marion, Matanzas, the new St Jago steamer