the Clipper Monster the Great Republic and I know not how many more and I begin to believe the departments really mean business. The rumor is here among the knowing ones that Savannah or Charleston are the points menaced —

We all hope that the report of a Court Martial on Fremont is correct — He will certainly be broken if tried — I hear every day corroborations of his "silliness" to call it by no worse name — For such a man, his advisers are of the very worst character — I mean the gallant but reckless Hungarian men of the Sword and adventure whom he has called about him so freely —

I want you to post me up fully as to the character and standing of Lieut Col Shepherd graduate of West Point in 1840 —

The second 54 Millions went to the Credit of the Govt yesterday — The Bankers play their part in the war right up to the handle — I hope there will be a hard blow struck on the Sea Coast

I am faithfully yours
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