And much have been. General Grant has arrived at Washington and I suppose will take some weeks to master the situation. During which time the Army will be put into condition to make the Spring campaign. I am afraid Grant that will soon begin to come. I prefer to me to have been a man to bring them away from the western army where confidence he had completed to take charge of all the military operations. He will not be underestimated, and will be annually be developed by the politicians. I do not think have a great military genius by any means. While away from Washington and its intimate influence, he did excellent well. New comes, the time of trials. He will be tried up as as shrewd as to many have been be.
yet before, you see they must be much more to know. I shall be very sorry, but not much disappointed if yet nothing. Perhaps the bill may be amended in the Senate. As to--to have a Bill or two; if it should be, I shall do all I can to get the place, but without much hope of succeeding, as I am not much of a beggar, and somehow cannot find people with an opportunity, for my own advancement. The only reason I have been anticipating for some time appears to have but in at last. We have already had enough to make the worst sick, and it is likely they will soon be still higher impossible. They will certainly be so bad as to prevent military operations for some time, unless we have allying extraordinary men at the fall

The proceedings of Congress for yesterday show that Schenck has introduced the bill for the establishment of a Bureau of Military Justice, and that it passed the House. I am disappointed in its provisions and suppose I have very little of any chance of getting the place. It provides for one Brigadier General, and two Colonels. I suppose there will be at least two Stelibs. Of the chance will be difficult and well