I am going to Washington. I have not been able to learn anything about the bill matching the place I do not know whether there ever will be such a one as I seek. If I cannot get that I must try for some other place there, tho' I do not consider the Miss Ruth for getting it any good. My friends, I am afraid are not the way to trouble themselves much to get me a soft place. I cannot ask one with a very good face, as I have enjoyed a very soft one nearly all the time I have been on the service. Still, if some of them can consider it to be their interest to do something for me, it could easily be accomplished. Remember, it may all come right in the end if we only have patience.

We are having pleasant weather and very much to do, enough to keep a clear head work for quick lab.
Of course you won't forget that my affairs are not to be talked about.

I would not make any material change until he is out of the city, and then not too fast.

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I could not leave the army now even if I were so willing to get out of it, because I should have no way of making a living. I am now on duty at home without any employment. I don't think I shall be detailed the law again - it's a standing business at best, and I must make more than a living some how. If I could get the appointment I spoke to you about, I should be able to live quite comfortably, perhaps buy something.

As a considerable portion of my time would be unoccupied, I might perhaps make something outside of the office. If this fails, I have another project in my mind, which includes some of the ideas of the other.

The latter, however, would have to be postponed until I could leave the army entirely. This I hope not to do with the next action and my present campaign of the war just opening, and while I have the command of a Brigade in the South.

I do not suppose that I shall be allowed to remain in command of the Brigade, however, when operations are resumed. But I shall be in command of my regiment in spite of all they can do, and that will be a handsome command in itself, though I now have less than 700 - three of them being very small. If chance get the chief appointment of which I have spoken to you, it would be a distinct advantage to my leaving the army.