From want of space I have barely given you an synopsis. Sometimes I wish to speak to you but have been left out altogether. I can testify that Governor Swain acted towards me with great kindness during the whole trial. He seems to take a great interest in me, more so than I could have any reason to expect. I suppose you will receive a letter from him in a few days, if you haven't received one in this. What glorious news! another great victory on the Plains of Manassas, which rivals in magnitude and consequence the one fought there a little more than a year ago. Would to God they could capture Washington City and "carry the war into the heart of Africa." Don't judge the action too harshly until you see me face to face, as I can not possibly inform you in a letter of the particulars. There is much about the whole affair wrong from the beginning and perhaps towards the last, but however that might be it was a disgrace.