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Dear Sir

will you be so good as to press the R R Co. for me for at least \$1000 if not more, on judgt I have against them--I begin to fear that this will be the last quarter salary I will receive from the <u>United States</u>--Every thing is getting worse & worse here, Buchanan is wholly unequal to the occasion--He is surrounded by enemies of the Union. The Secy of War, wished to recal & censure the commander of Fort Moultrie--but was fortunately overruled in the cabinet--Black Stanton & Holt the honest members of the Cabinet will most probably withdraw unless Floyd is dismissed Poor Toucey is nobody--Thompson is honest but a secessionist--I should not be astonished if the cabinet should be wholly departed (?) before ten days--and the country without a government

Old--very fast--poor fellow he has fallen on evil times--He put his confidence & gave his favour to his enemies & not to his friends And now he is enjoying the fruits of his mistake. He Knows Floyd to be a traitor & one who has conducted his office in a manner to disgrace this administration & plunder the country, & who is now plotting its destruction, yet he hesitates to dismiss him--I should not be astonished from what I have heard privately but reliably, if Floyd was arrested & Buchanan impeached before 60 days--Every thing is going to ruin unless the people rise in their majority & rebuke, the scoundrels North & South, who are working to gether to divide the Union--This would be certainly

followed by civil war--servile war & ruin & misery to both parties

We are governed by fools & knaves we have not a man for the occasion

I expect to be at home on Thursday the 10th if nothing happens--and perhaps sooner--if the Hero Wise should take the capitol with his army

Yours truly

R.C.Grier