great magnitude & grandeur in the Stylee. St. Louis is situated on the West bank of the Mississippi, twenty miles below the confluence of the Missouri with that river & 1200 miles above New Orleans. Its population is estimated at 4000. The town is prosperous — many new houses building & the price of ground enormously high. On their Main street which is nearly a mile in length the rent of houses is as extravagant as in Bridge street Georgetown. I attended the sale at Auction of a lot fronting twenty feet on the Main street at its extreme end & about 150 feet deep, which sold for $3000. $600 cash & the balance in 2, 4 & 6 months with approved security. By the extension of the town Mr Connor has become a wealthy man. The country travelled over between the Ohio & the Mississippi is very fertile & generally flat meadows. The great defect is in the want of timber. One of these natural meadows is twenty miles in the breadth & more than 100 miles in length, extending from the Mississippi to the Lakes. — Louisville is on the Kentucky bank of the Ohio at the Falls in the river. It is rapidly advancing in wealth & improvement. There is a great intercourse between this place & Orleans, a distance of 1400 miles. Twenty one steam boats of a large size are employed in the trade. The products brought down to Orleans from the country watered by the Ohio & its tributary streams are principally cotton, tobacco, flour, & hemp. Of tobacco about 30,000 hds are inspected in Orleans. ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~