There was a steadiness, a sobriety, a patience
and a skill in abstract [illegible] combined with
the Willingness to [illegible] a belief that the
surface of [illegible] material laws had
been shuffled - & that it was time to
[illegible] put it to the test which
that aroused my deepest admiration -
Here was the method of doing things
the only sound plan - & did
it apply to science also? was it not -
that was the case of each of our own
men methods - men spirit - that
had created the wars in which the
country had seemed to me to be [illegible]
[illegible] & were [illegible]
& most of which were still
the privilege of our country to support -
It was ridiculous in which these men
were [illegible] carrying on researches -
facing the world - their apparatus, their
industries - opening the petrol & Kerosene -
[illegible] was the sweeping
affairs as the pit & the mine
[illegible]?

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never in my life had I been conscious of such a degree of political & common illiberality as prevails in Virginia: in spite of my long days and the coarse & severity of my new friends & acquaintances I must say no means adapted the former which existed in Cyprus. All of the persons with whom my official work in the Chancellorship & my association at the Chancellor's Court professionally were seemed to be of the first description - the remedies & endeavors applied rather badly & often very ill-advised, [illegible] new & clever ways of treating the law which prevailed at the Court & the Law Courts were to end unsuccessful - The great political problem discussed at Home was almost the same & with little contentment - the [illegible] & famous - had given to new provocation to new incidents - no one seemed to recognize that [illegible] of all the truths & that neither can [illegible]

slightly diminished now

need cum illum - ~~illud~~ - Ille ~~cum~~ air my ~~ill~~
illi "cum" - illuj li-do n ult li-dy -
Ille suipe ~~lay~~ pervupel in illa 80 : ner
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illa illy wha li - wads 2 illyi
q wheli illa cuiuly nun in need - Bel-
cuey ~~illi~~ nun ryl - alund ly
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~~illi~~ illi Eddy y sayar 2 wod 2
nun 2 pleil. Eowpi Eiad illa nun y
illa plun y Hunn 2 sundei -
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Sevol nundred lui y lundi
q pupti 2 illa lui y lundi

The depression which had begun in 1890 reached its crisis in the Panic of 1893 and now in 1894 had still more years to run. It had defeated the Republicans & it was now beginning to work an equally ruined defeat [of] the Democrats. Naturally then in the economic all my sympathies were with Grover Cleveland. He seemed to me to be walking along the methods of the scientific mind ~~Mc Kell~~ — that is he was seeking to get at the causes of depression, ~~rather than to await miracle of money effect; to wait time to effect. But the miracle makers were mostly [illegible] who would [illegible]~~ But the country under any of its effects demanded quick recovery. Miracle makers flourish at such time — they did now. They found their voice in Bryan — an honest voice full of earnest sympathy for the suffering of the people but a one who would cure by a miracle. It was true