But what of some of the main premonitions of the war? I may contribute nothing very new on this point, but it is of measureless importance to have the point itself well grounded - which it is not yet - in the understanding of the American people. (who still believe it to have been the work of the South alone, which it was not at all). ... What of some of the immediate signs, symptoms, & causes of the upsurge? It is an immense topic which I will but touch upon - derive the occasion to ventilate one or two notions of my own upon it. Long, long hence.

When the grave has grueched many years and generations, and an entirely new generation has come to the argument, the question of a complex question, can perhaps be weighed & decided. And these Memoranda I will give one or two (out of hundreds) that bear upon the war, & so forth. It is possible influence...
431 Stevens St.,
Camden, Dec. 29, 1873.

A. R. Butts,
Dear Sir,

Yours of 26th received.
It looks like something begins to be done. About Piper's bill you can wait till you go personally to Boston. I have written to O'Hare today, & I hope you will have no further difficulty in getting the book.

I have requested him to send word to you to come & get them.

If we get started in the way we talked of, (if I have no duty we shall) & satisfaction is felt on both sides, it is certainly my intention that you shall have actual control of the sales & all supplies.