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My dear Son

I rec^d your favor of the 14th and was glad to perceive the cheerful & happy tone which pervades it. I approve entirely of what you have done in respect to Mr. Martin, and hope you will continue your visits to Ashland. I wish you would call on the lady who occupies the Hotel and ask her to pay you the rent that is due. And I should like to know how my aff. stands at the Bank. What premium is paid at Legⁿ on Eastern checks?

You ask me the probable fate of the deposite question. In the House I fear that the majority is against us. The Caucus Legislators of N. York, N. Jersey and Ohio have strengthened the timid, and secured the wavering. On the other hand, popular meetings are taking place every where, and our success in that house will depend upon the extent of the re-action among the people. Do you intend at Lexington to have a meeting? It might do good.

But if we lose in the House (in the Senate we are safe) the immediate question, altho I sh^d regret it, I would not get despar. It will be the first act only in the drama. Others must follow, and I believe before the Session closes we will have the majority in both houses.

The despatch in the Eastern Cities is intense. I am glad it has not reached you; but it will before next fall.

Our love to Julia, and kisses for little Henry.

Your aff^r father

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