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Dear Major

I hope you & Mr. M^r Dowse
reached home comfortably and
found all well & your crops
smiling after a refreshing rain.
I spent the day in sweltering heat
in the Court room and returned
to the "Jefferson" at three o'clock
very much exhausted. We took
the train for N.Y. at seven o'clock
& landed in our home at seven
the next morning. Rain began
to fall at the hour of our leaving
Richmond & continued all night,
so that we had no dust and a very