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My dear Edmund

I wish I could. Nan wishes she could but our summer tent is pitched among these pleasant hills, far from railroad [washer] and steamer explosions and gold defoliations and [*unclear*] cables. For myself I have too pleasant a remembrance of my visit to you—at the time Lee was visiting Pennsylvania—not to want

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to come, and Nannie loves you and your too well not to want to come too.

Since we can't I have to beg you to come here. We can give you a hay-sofa a foot and a half hood—or the most various selections of diabolical wooden chairs. any other luxury of the kind—also water from the spring and the loveliest air and finest hills and blackest blackberries (black enough

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even for a '[Abolitionist] like you!) and the most primitive & patriotic people. Then there is the charming house of the [Nortons] in which all the [muses] and Graces perpetually reside, and not one dog in the whole country—not a bark.

We left home on the 17 of July, just a month ago last Monday, and the experiment is an astonishing success, I had to go to Albany, tell Mrs Tweedy, where I was the guest of John V. L. [*unclear*]. His house is splendid & he is a truly

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seminal host. I went as a Regent of the University and he is the Chancellor. He is engaged to Miss Parker aged 24 daughter of Judge [Owara P.] I fared sumptuously every day under that handsome roof. Then I went to the island for a few days. My mother and her boys are in our house. I found all well.

I had a letter from [Cory] while he was in Newport. I fear I shall not see him but I shall try to.

Give our dearest love to Mrs. Tweedy—how I should like to bring it! And to your nieces, if any are with you, the kindest regards. Love to the Fields, also, and so may God have you in his most holy keeping.

Yours affley

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