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Baths of [Sienna]

[9th] Aug 1852

Dear Brother,

I am in receipt of your of 15th ult. and am glad to learn that you are all pleased with the Worcester Hotel, and that it seems to be doing a good business. The news of the death of Uncle Reuben and Uncle John and his wife did not surprise me, as it was an event to be expected from their old age. I am glad to hear that Father is again in good health, from which I infer that the deafness which Edgar mentioned has passed away. Little Kitty has nearly recovered from the hooping [*sic*] cough and the boy though yet coughing badly, is growing like a little pig, so that

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we still hope that he will weather this most tedious and ugly disease. We yet continue to be delighted with this place and as Mr. Shaw & wife have returned from Switzerland we have a very pleasant society without being obliged to go abroad in search for it.

In regard to [D &] NRR stock you may sell half of mine at the price you have named if you think best. I am willing to hold on to the other half for the present. Indiana 2 ½ I do not care about selling as I bought it with the expectations of reaping it for a long time. If there is a prospect that the C & 3 R Road Co will [*unclear*] a 10 [*unclear*] at dividend for the future, do you not think it best to convert the bonds into stock? When does the privilege of [convention cease]? A suggestion

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which I believe I asked in my last—I wish you would try to settle the Hoyt & Hunt debt. If Hoyt intends to & can pay, he can give security for the debt. He is no doubt operating with & jeopardizing the means which should go to pay this debt and he is liable to be taken away, a fact which would I suppose render any money quite improbable. I do not think that he ought to ask longer delay, and you may consider yourself authorized to use any language to him for me which you think would have the effect to produce a settlement—Is it necessary in case of the decrease of a number of a [firm] to present & prove a claim against such a [firm] within a given time in order to hold the property of the deceased partner? I wish we would enquire about this and also how the debts against the [firm have]

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been settled up to this time. I am all in the dark as to what Hoyt is doing, and I am not inclined to wait for a settlement any longer. Money is now plenty, and there probably will not be a more favorable time to bring the matter to a close, and I do not feel under any obligation to loan Hoyt a capital for his stock operations—I am sorry to give you this trouble, but it is inevitable as I am situated

I do not see how you make out 19 grand children present in Danbury at the time mentioned unless Julius Jamie was there, which I think was not the case. Count again. If I am mistaken there have been

births not reported during my absence I think there will be a [five now] between the last born of [unclear] Edgar & myself. A prize should be given to the winner at the end of a year—

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I hope you sent me a \$100 to [Barings] on the 1st Aug as I requested—Set the next [unclear] be for \$150 on the 15th Sept. I note what you say about the special It is all well I [trust]. Stop paying any more dues to the [unclear] Club.

Love to all

Edmund