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Paris 7<sup>th</sup> April 1851

Dear Oliver

It gives me great pleasure to say to you that Mary gave birth to a daughter at 6 ¼ o'clock last evening and that both mother and daughter are doing well. Too much fatigue on Wednesdays last probably made her confinement a little premature. The child is small, but with bright black eyes and the nurse says that she is very active. Mary used Chloroform at the very last stage of her accouchement and the relief was immediate. Had she used it an earlier period I have no doubt that she would

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have been spared much suffering. The physicians here are generally opposed to using it. Mrs. Kind of New York who formerly lived in 17<sup>th</sup> St was present with Mary at the time. She has a nice [*unclear*] nurse and to day is very comfortable. The mail is about closing and I have not time to say more. Have the kindness to send this letter to Edgar and a copy of it to John for I have not time to day to write them. Mary sends kindest love to your wife and family in which I am

Very afftely yours

Edmund

Send me \$300 in a draft on Paris by the first steamer in May, instead of \$200 as requested in my last letter