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My dear wife: I wrote to you all day yesterday but burned the letters. I felt so bad and worried that I could not write to you as I ought and I was determined that I would not write a harsh or complaining word. As a consequence of my worry, I feel completely used up today, but I must write you a short letter before I get to work. God as I am so nervous that I can hardly hold my pen but I guess you can make it out.

I was very much grieved that you should disapprove the Douglas proposition

Nov. 27 -

I began this letter and proceeded thus far on Monday morning. Then I was interrupted and have not had a moment's time since every moment has been occupied except when I must sleep, on which I have been enjoying the luxury of a seizure of neuralgia, which has been a very frequent thing. I am suffering a great deal from it now.

As I was saying, when I broke off my letter, I was sorry you disapproved the Douglas proposition. It seemed a very happy thing for me, and to me. In the first place, my influence seems to be exactly what is needed to keep him at his best. He works 18 hours a day with me, and will actually do more of this work than I. He shows an astonishing quickness and works as steadily as an old work horse. Besides that, we get along finely. There is no fan nor discordance, he

is one of those frank natures, with which I always "click", to use a slang phrase.

His proposition was to advise \$2500. which we could use for office books and supplies for the first year. That we should rent a house for which, if we could find one, he would with us, and we go in as equal partners. Or, if he gets his cotton claim, which is to be heard next Monday, that he will at once, fit up a nice office, with a good library and furnish what we may need for a year. In other words, his proposition is - to give us a year's support for the sake of an equal partnership - As you say, the fact that he is his father's son will insure him a sort of success at least and he is a worker when he has one to understand and encourage him. He is not good to put himself at work - But he has that power of private approach to another which I lack - and has a determination to make it a success - I think you have underrated him - I know I always had - Though, in fact, I knew but little of him until I discovered him during the campaign - We work capitally together -

However, it may not be a matter of any moment, since he may not be able to arrange the money part of the matter - If he is, I should be glad if you would reconsider your first and not pronounce against it, until you have heard from me fully - Tell my little girl that I am a thousand times obliged for her letter received yesterday - It pleased and amused me very much - Her "pretty" teacher must have been very successful with her - I will try and write to her on Sunday - By the way, I found a man, on yesterday, who bought out the old man Kendall, giving

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was a half interest with him for the truck - As soon as Bridger's  
got away, I found no trouble in buying of Kendall at \$1500 -  
This time, at least, I cannot lose by a partnership. The other  
men put in the money and I put in the experience. If I can  
get through my printing &c, I will try and come up and make  
my index at Erie, during the holidays - It will be a terrible job  
of writing and sorting and I thought that if I could dictate to you  
and have Willie sort them, it would be an enormous saving  
of time &c - But do not count on my coming - It is of all  
things the most uncertain - The Dunfords want to rent the  
place and I think they are the best ones to have it - They want  
to get near water for flowers, &c, and will keep it growing better  
and better every year - I am afraid that Bridger would steal  
it -

Yours truly

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