

While we face
the future bravely

Yours ever

Albion

Raleigh June 20th 1879

My dear wife:

Your letter of the 14th reached me today. I came down on the day before yesterday and have not yet settled down to my indexing, being taken the two days in reach. Today I have been floating about the hotel talking. Strangely enough I have never received so much consideration from everybody in my whole stay in the State and I have consequently had a very pleasant time. I am glad to be able to send you the money and will send you some more in a short time, I hope. I am in excellent spirits and have got over my lameness, almost. My eye is not in the best trim, and if I could do it I would order a type-writer tomorrow. However, I shall get along all right I hope and expect to see daylight.

again, before long. It does me as
much good to know that you are
happy and pleasantly situated, only
I cannot endure that you should
have nothing to enhance those "feeling"
chirns. How they can ever fade, I can-
not conceive but must trust your
eyes. I fear that you are letting care
gnaw at them. Do not, pray do not.

I will send you some money for
decorative purposes, as soon as ever
I can - Be brave, my own Darling.
You shall have your pleasures and hap-
piness, and comfort still - Do not be
at all cast down -

I am afraid I cannot get to see
you this Spring, not till after the Spring
courts at least. You know it would cost
a good deal - probably \$75 or \$100 - I
could not go there without expending
something beside my mere expenses; and
this is a large sum to spend now. But

I will come, if I can. If not,
you must still keep brave and cheery
knowing that whatever I do, will have
for its sole object and purpose, the pro-
motion of your happiness. I fear that
you sometimes think me selfish and un-
mindful of your joy, but it is not so.
Hardly a moment passes that you are
not in my mind - No other thought
but your own happiness animates me.
Doubt be grieved if I think that my duty and
my interest as well as your happiness con-
pell me to a course which may be contrary
now, to your wishes. I would rather die
than grieve you, but I have a duty to you
and Lodie which is paramount to all
else. I hope and trust that it may be
in accordance with your happiness -
It has not been pleasant for me to do so
it and I may have erred. If so the
error will soon be apparent and
in no case can it be any loss or dis-

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advantage. You should know that only the keeneest impulse of duty could induce me to forego the pleasure of your society even for an hour. My life seems like a waste, since you left me here at Raleigh. I do not expect that it will seem otherwise, until I have you with me again, but your comfortable support is the first duty of my life. I cannot and must not neglect any effort or any chance to secure that, even for a short time, for any consideration. Not even your displeasure much more me in that. I much work when I can see that object can, at this time, most probably, be accomplished. I am sorry to give you denying, but the pleasant duty of providing for you and our little one impells me with the power of a love which will take no denial. Let us thank the Good Father for health and hope and take heed of your