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Raleigh N.C.

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My dear wife:

It is the loveliest of Spring weather and fairly makes one sick to look out at it now and think how much sorrow and misery there is in the world. I cannot help thinking of Danna and her troubles. It is true we are not much better off, but we have health and hope and that is quite half of life. I thought I was going to get into my old depression yesterday, and am not entirely over it today, but think I shall be very soon. It is, so terrible though, the fear of your insanity and the actual nervous disease which has been developed in your brain, that I cannot regard anything tending to aggravate it, with anything

like toleration. I think it would make two crazy people to have you exposed to it. I have no animosity against your mother at all, but am determined that she shall not kill you. I am bound that you shall have as quiet a time as possible until we have to begin the fight of life together again. I am willing to contribute any reasonable sum towards her support, regarding it as only a fair and proper charge upon her children, but she has no right to anything more and common justice demands that in our present condition she should be content with that. However, I have nothing to say about that, but only about her being in the house with you and Lodie.

You must not think I was harsh in any letter of yesterday - I could not do otherwise than write as I did.

There has nothing more developed

in regard to our removal. In fact, I am writing with considerable anxiety, to hear from you. Had I supposed that you would have been content to go to Washington and live close and wait and work for two or three years, I would have gone there, but I thought you had such a strong preference for Denver that you would be overjoyed at the prospect. I was therefore, considerably taken aback at the particularity you avowed for Washington.

I have been trying to get at some facts in regard to the state of affairs there - I don't want to write to a lawyer but would like the opinion of some intelligent observer on the matter. If Bishop Spalding is there I will write to him. I have no sort of fear of a good stinging if any man - Hagwood - who has more trouble

than ever, (though the baby matter is
a canard) said to me yesterday
that he considered me the strongest
and ablest man, all things con-
sidered, in the profession in the
state - I think we are not very far from
daylight - Every body who has heard
of my intention expresses great sorrow
I think a great many will leave the
state if we go - Nichols and Dr Ellis
have already decided to do so -

Maxwell has come and I must
stop and correct proof

Yours Ever

Ed. Sawyer