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My Dear Judge -

Just got home after an absence of nearly 2 months, been up at Jordan trying to get my father out of a terrible ~~trouble~~ ^{trouble} & ~~trouble~~ ^{trouble}. You have perhaps heard something of the trouble, I can't tell you of it now, but have put in a lot of hard work on the case, & hope to save the property - when I get a chance will write you about it - I can't now -

Please tell Cousin Emma that her letters were read at Jordan when in the midst of our trouble. I was not at home when her draft was presented, & could not have paid it if I had been. She accomplished no good by writing threatening letters -

I do not recognize any legal or moral responsibility in coats
of hair law suits but as I understand it, the suit which
she appealed is now based on my note to Fleming which you
so kindly endorsed - & that is why she wants me to pay the
costs - If I had plenty of money I'd gladly do it, but I have
not - & have to work close all the time.

Enclosed is matter from Washington, which you will no
doubt understand - I know nothing about it.

I hope you are all well - Kate is better, but not strong yet,

Yours truly

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