I can hardly believe that the aristocracy of England have so lost their head, as to convict the Queen, who appears to be a bold and sensible woman: she may ~~be~~ have been guilty of some misconduct or indiscretions; but being an unprotected & abused female — & certainly less vicious than the King & most of his Ministers; being moreover, of an age, when it is impossible to impose a spurious issue upon the Nation, which alone could ~~justify~~ excuse the proposed measures, if fully proved to be strictly just, I think it impossible, that they can found a judgment of degradation upon evidence which is insufficient to convict a suspected Dog.

The affairs of England & of Europe generally except Russia are in my opinion, approaching to a serious Crisis.

I wish you to tell George, that I love him & his Sister dearly & that I hope he will not forget me, but come in the Spring & go to School again — with love to Laura, I remain affect.^ly yours

Oliv. Wolcott.

P.S. My Brother has been afflicted with the loss of a fine Child (Chauncey Goodrich) who lived only a few Hours after falling into a Kettle of hot water.

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Col. Gibbs.