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Dear Father

Mr Cogwell has heard nothing about that box although he has sent for it I have got a speech for exhibition in Spanish. I received that letter dated Jan 24–26 I will endeavour in my next [illegible] to send a composition The lives in Plutarch which I like most are those of Numa Pompilius & Fabius Maximus I do not like Cato the Censor for his parsimony Crassus for his avarice or Lycurgus for his rigid severity. Cato's doctrine about his old slaves and beasts I think is blameable Lucullus was too luxurious at the end of his life although he displayed great bravery in his attack on Tigranes this monarch is a proof that the battle is not always to the strong Cato also was inclined to boasting. You mention that Wolcott is a great rogue I believe that he would like a visit here very well if he was not too small I am glad to hear that the children are well Give my love to all at home

I remain my dear Father your affec te son George