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My dear Alfred

John Bankhead showed his mug at the Club on Saturday night and reported you as probably to remain at [illegible] about the 1st of August. We are disappointed in this as we hoped to have had you here in time to attend your mother to the Springs, though in fact I hardly thought that Uncle Tom would be any wider awake than usual. He gives us the consolation that there is but little sickness with you however & that he does not consider there to be much danger. I trust you will continue to take care of yourself. It would be a small business to be killed off by vomito after scaling chapultepec & storming the Garita of Belen. We had a letter from Wolcott who had reached Detroit on his way to the lakes, in comfortable condition. Another party accompany Agassiz the naturalist on about the same route but upon their own hook. Dr Stout goes with them. Wolcott expected to overhaul them in a few days. I stopped your paper or rather transferred it to Wolcott's address before I saw Bankhead, but presume

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