I wish I could have been at home at such [illegible] in which I could have been useful. I left you, [illegible] [illegible] to what was to be recd. in interest for Alfords account on 1st Jan. [illegible] add to this his Boston dividend & then would be clear some seven hundred & odd dollars in hand for him to begin the year with. For Alford had long since, by care & self-sacrifice — which was hard for him to exercise — got ahead of embarrassment & was not drawing in advance on his income.

Mr. Weiss will find in the left-hand closet of the Safe a Life Policy on Mr. Wills life for $5000. — at the Eagle & Albion. You must give that office due notice, & furnish any proof they may require, & then collect the money, which had better be invested at once in U.S. Bonds of 1881 if collectible before my return. Any money which Peggy may want before my return you will pay her, as Mr. Weiss will [illegible] of the disposition of amounts to be recd. 9th Jan. — There is interest on $10000. — U.S. 81 Bonds = 300 [illegible] which will come to about $105 — & the Boston dividend to about 344 more, making in all [illegible] 744.

Alford has in my hands the following securities viz.

10000. — Bond of 1881 — [illegible]

10,900 @ 6% = 654 [illegible] @ 140 = ... 915.

5000 Life Insurance @ 7% ..... 350.

Boston dist. July & Jany. 344.62 each year will make 689.24

$1,954.24

I suppose Alfords pension can hardly be less than ..... 600.

Which would give Peggy an income of $2,554.24 pr. annum or thereabouts — at once. 1,643.90

I write these particulars because I have had so much more to do with his many affairs than any one else that it seems to me that the rest of you may be at a loss. And I particularly desire that your mother may be clearly advised in the matter, that she may be free from anxiety on that score. As I sail for Liverpool on the 27th Jan. I shall doubtless be with you by 10th Mar. so that it is not likely there will be much for any transfer of securities before I arrive.

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