fit of balls and parties. It is high time he was at work again & to fall into the routine of bandyism will kill him among business men. His chances are growing worse all the time that he is indulging in gaiety and looking so excessively fancy. It is well enough if he was going into the matrimonial market. Mothers letter has a whole chapter of casualties among my old friends. Lizzie Patterson's illness & Lizzie Chanler's family misfortunes. I believe she is a little fearful of me in the last quarter, but independent of distance there is no danger, though I really admire the lady's good qualities & her wit exceedingly - But I have no intentions whatever. Give my best regards to George Moore I think it is his business to write to me first as he is the youngest, but I shall open on him before long - I have such lots of writing to do anyway that I am well tired of it. - I wrote Hall a few weeks ago - glad to hear that Hatty is such a beauty. Tell mother I shall not have to draw on her for money & I wish her to apply my dividends either to my own debts or to the increased expenses of Franks return. I only regret it is all I can do. I think you had better ask Canston what links will be required to fill out the chain of claims in his hands - Perhaps other papers may be accessible - & it is probable that old accounts & books of the house are in the hands of the Charming heirs. Ascertain what is the total

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