I am inclined to think that the advice I have several times given you to sell the Broadway house may have been erroneous. As Broadway seems destined to become the exclusive thoroughfare of trade, instead of mixed dwellings & shops rents will probably continue high, & yet I dont like leased property & the amount of rent demanded by the company is enormous. A war may knock all that card house structure of New York property into a cocked hat, & it is a very possible calamity in my opinion. I shall send your Uncle William, d-n him, my opinion of his conduct very plainly by this mail. It seems to me that a petition from your Aunts & ourselves to the R. I. Legislature, showing that the repeal of the authority to sell was obtained by fraud & requesting it to be restored and that the property be divided or sold by the Probate Court, might succeed. The governor is not over popular in the State and these County members dont like the idea of property being tied up. Who have you employed in Boston. I trust a safe man. Wont Sohier resign if requested - Do you need any further power from me? or wont a substitution of yourself under the power I gave mother answer - Ask Howe. What further have you done in the Childs affair.

I presume you are all Chrystal Palacing in New York. Is the thing likely to turn out well, or will it be a glass house that all the rest of the world will throw stones at. If Macaulay's last volumes are printed in a cheap form as I presume they will be, send

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