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Wednesday 1st April

My Dear Elisa -

Mother intended writing you to day but delayed it until too late for me to bring down - As Delancy Kane and his sister are going on I shall just send this ~~to~~ as a reminiscence - Not a memento mori I hope - Nothing new of any importance in the world we live in and nothing that I hear of out of it - No letters from Boston I believe for a fortnight except one from Miss Davis - You were mistaken about our election, it was "Glorious" as the newspapers say - Elected our Mayor & a majority of the common council - There more was ~~more~~ ~~[illegible]~~ so much corruption in America - The Democrats hired all the broken Aqueduct Long Island & Jersey Irishmen to the time of two or three thousand illegal votes, not counting those who voted twice - as many did, we polled three thousand votes more than there were in the city legally - Notwithstanding all this we have elected our Mayor by 1000 votes more than he had last year and by a clear majority of 300 over all the candidates - Invitations