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Dearest Mother

I wrote a hurried note to Lama on Thursday
evg. with which exception I have neglected you all for
the past week. My only excuse is that Austin promised
to call & see you on his return. Nothing of special interest
has occurred here. You have seen it all in the papers
with a great deal more, especially in the Tribune. Opin-
ions are divided as to whether Greely was hoaxed or in-
vented the different stories of compromise & of Botts' letter.
There was no foundation for any of them. I dont sup-
pose that an idea of compromise is entertained by the
administration or the Army. Gen Scott's movements are
slow to be sure & he wont be hurried, but he is gradu-
ally accumulating & organising his forces & we doubt
not that when he moves he will do so effectually.
Bank's operations in Baltimore have been the source
of great satisfaction to all of us. The ~~real~~ complaint
against the government of foolish unity has been
too well founded & they dont seem to be equal to
the occasion yet. I saw Mc Dowall last evening.
He spoke warmly about D'Hennevilx & seemed to be
much grieved that he had not written him before
his departure, but said he was worked to death.
Suckley passed his examination & expects his com-