Dayton, 6th April 1869

Dear Luther,

Mary and I stopped at the
office on our way to打猎 this evening, and
get two letters from you of the 21st; and
so they did contain the other as you predicted.

The fact showed your usual kindness in
writing to spare me unnecessary pain.

I seldom see New York papers, but there is
enough in any of the papers to make me
half crazy, if the reports are delivered.

Sometimes it is easier to keep calm
than at others; but it is rather difficult
to feel that there is no ground for every
rumor, and that my opinions always still
confirmation or denial is made public;
very often afterwards too.

I do not understand you to say that you
do not wish that situation at all; only that
you do not consider it nearly as desirable as
spearing to amendments in the bill.

How right? Even if we cannot be with you, I should feel better about you if you were out of the State, although I should not like to see a younger man exposed to the influences of a corrupt city. I believe we can trust each other; this, while it makes our union easier, also makes separation more endurable.

We both began our married life with good jealousies; have encountered some unforeseen trials, but thank God, still love purely and tenderly, every year increasing its intensity. May you be spared to see many many years in that case.

In little one seems pretty well again. They run wild most of the time, now, still with the boys, she having a sick's vacation.

You may be right about ventilation, but I seldom come up stairs without finding all the doors open clear out at the foot, and generally confute myself with chudder.

That you are so coming in. Aunt May is to occupy Belle's room while she is gone. She in turn is to put two of the children there to sleep, and the door can be flung at night.

I must not forget to tell you of the arrival of "Fierce." We found Howard's contrabands. He came this morning, and seems very happy at getting to the "solvent folks." Says he feels at home now. Bruno made friends with him immediately, as did the children, all of which pleased him exceedingly.

He stayed at Uncle John's, but takes his meals with us. Is to take care of Uncle's horses and cows, but will do our work. Uncle bears part of the expense, Throat little burden that father could not give. High wages, but he prefers staying at any rate. He will be kindly treated for Howard's sake, also for his own. I wish to have you lookin' after him as I have.
not been able to find any more on the
profile!

Thursday morning. — The boys are swinging
and playing on the upper porch, enjoy-
ing this bright spring morning. Both are
quite well. Rob's birthday comes to mor-
row. I don't know what we will do for
the little man, but it shall be properly
celebrated. I believe I forgot to tell you
that the 25-cent price came to hand.

Uncle John came just this morning.
He had not yet collected that money
because he said he was so busy in court.
I have some hopes that he will attend
to it today. — Don't know what made
me think of it, but why did you not
tell me about that "the affair of Mr. Stacey"?

My room is in beautiful confusion and
Bess not bathed so perhaps it is time to
close. — Many thanks dear husband for
your kind consideration in regard to
health and feelings. I will try to regard