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the most agreeable expression — rather stern. Mattie prefers Cousin Smith — the very common alternative. We had a very nice visit from Mary & her little children — a dear family Mother & children. I never saw more, scarcely even as, interesting children of their age. I saw them onboard the Boat yesterday morning. They had a smart breeze but a fair wind down. Let Cousin Pa the trees were sent & I presume are planted. I put in 1 Ken tucky Coffee. This has been a cold spell. I hope your Peas had some protection tho they will have a smart frost. Mine were not quite out. I send to Cousin today a Copy of Seward's Speech — Very

able, elevated, Statesmanlike & constitutional. In a day or two I will send him Davis' which I want him to read because the Newspaper reports of it that have appeared have not not done him justice.

I have not heard yet of Israel's return. If nothing better is offering I would like the situation with Victor. Of course his Uncle will not stand in the way of his advancement if any thing else offers afterward. There will be no occasion for such conditional arrangement. I did not say so to I. but it will be my pleasure & I shall insist while he holds the said post to allow him