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You had not now home and
anxiety about me.

Phila May 9 1861 5 PM

My precious Wife

You will have observed doubtless in my late letters a degree of anxiety which you will have found not difficult to explain and it culminates at last in the letter of now today requesting your immediate return home with dear Mary & the children and alluding to Dr Hodges intention of writing for you if I did not. I have passed through the most severe trial of my life. I believe it is now passed & therefore can explain it to you. My visit to Baltimore at the time of the riot was caused by the necessity to get more promptly than by mail Galloway (Bro) advice on a subject of vital interest to Son G. ~~these~~ Your knowledge of his character led you to speak especially of him in some of your letters. When I wrote to you that the boys were all minding their business I thought it was all settled. But from that hour to this I have been kept in the most distressing anxiety. I believe it is now settled differently from my anticipations when I wrote for you to