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by referring to the certainty
of your having an appointment
which would last several
years & which placed you
where you might during
that time from connections
& business which would
give you permanent
advantages. Now you
are nominated for a
place you can not hold
more than the duration
of the ascendancy of the
present party, and we
all probably come
to an end with the
close of the term of the
present administration
and the mission is a
place where there can
be no such future
opening. The present
state of the case calls

down entirely your
whole foundation &
proves the soundness of
the views of your friends in
their opposition to your
proposed marriage.
Even if this were not so
there still remains the
objection to the haste
with which you have
acted and the doubt
about the propriety of
one so young entering upon
so solemn and weighty a
charge as the care for and
training of your children.
This responsibility is of
course only yours and
no one can enter into
or share it with you.
But I can not ask your
mother to give her
sanction to your choice