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without any knowledge of the character of the lady. ~~especially~~ especially as I am myself disposed to doubt the wisdom of your course. The nomination may not be confirmed, and there may be time enough yet before you enter on the mission for more calm & deliberate action. This is certainly of all others a ~~step~~ case which does require that you should walk circumspectly and not take an irrevocable step without seeing where it will lead you.

The affair is now presented to your family. Let them think about it and examine cautiously for you. The happiness of too many is involved. Do not sacrifice that of your children & family by hasty movements. I cannot make myself a participant by encouraging you in what I think is unwise precipitancy. You have placed the young lady in a painful position. But if the affection you have for each other can not