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thing with which I am associated which grows heavier and no effort to lift it has any success the last proposition that I should travel with Mr Mendenhall as a friend and care taker has some features which commend it to my consideration but I do not feel as though it would be the proper thing. I do not feel any special interest in mere seeing the signs of material prosperity which abound in our country and sight seeing has palled for me. The vicissitudes of Rail Road travel continued day after day would exhaust my strength and I should not be able either to walk or drive to any objects of attraction which might present themselves

To be left solitary at a hotel with strangers only accessible would be very bad for me as well as irksome and Mr M would soon weary of the monotony of my thoughts & the gloominess of my feelings and himself become disheartened. Then I should find it very difficult to surrender entirely my own freedom, and yet I am conscious that I ought not to be left without some control. That of your precious Mother was a blessed constraint of mutual love united to my conviction of her wisdom and my desire to promote her happiness in every thing, ~~[illegible]~~ and I felt convinced I was right in submitting my will to her judgment