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altho it has sometimes been a very warm one feeling as if it came from a furnace, which was not surprising when the thermometer was 98 in this strong breeze, and out of it at 100. I trust we will not have any more days as hot as that, and especially hope the nights will be cooler. The storm here on Monday was heavy but did not do any damage near to us. A number of trees were blown down at Cedar Park, and Nannie Murray (Willie's wife) said she started down stairs with the children. But we have not heard of any great damage. The cyclone in Philadelphia must have been a fearfully grand sight. I quite want to hear whether it did any damage at Solitude. I had a letter yesterday from Cousin Emily, she expected if there was no storm and the weather suitable to go into Philadelphia Tuesday to see a house that Effingham had written about, 709 Locust Street. It would be a good location for her I should think, and I feel quite anxious to hear what she finds out about it. I had a visit this morning from Uncle James he brought Murray down to the boat, to join his family who are in Annapolis and go to Oakland on Friday. Uncle James seemed remarkably well and bright. On Monday he had been to Baltimore to spend the day, and coming home had to drive all the way from the cars in the heaviest of the rain, or rather a very pouring rain. He said streams of water were running down many of the streets in Baltimore. One of the things that he had to attend to was to see Mr Primrose, from whom he had received another notice that they were desirous to have some arrangement made. They made an agreement with him to take perpetual charge of it for the payment of Fifty dollars now. So he closed with them at once and paid the fifty dollars. To day he had