

during her vacation was at her earnest and  
<sup>repeated</sup> solicitation and when M<sup>rs</sup> Ward informed  
me she was liable for payment of the  
summer term whether she remained or not;  
I at once immediately said that she ought  
to remain ~~under~~ until the Fall; but ~~then~~  
upon inquiry into the state of Lydia's health  
and her sufferings, M<sup>rs</sup> Sedgwick informed  
me that ~~the statement~~ Lydia ~~was not~~  
would not be charged with the next  
five months if she left Lenox; <sup>there</sup> I at once  
discovered M<sup>rs</sup> Ward's attempt to impose  
upon my credulity and determined that  
he should be aware of his mistake. I  
am fully aware that many remarks  
have been made to you, prejudicial  
to myself and I ~~hope~~ would not  
task you with this letter were it not  
for own justification. With the kindest  
wishes and regards for yourself & family  
I am  
Ever affectionately Truly  
Sallie R. Emory