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To

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his favourite child Lucy Now if it were
me alone who would be effected by such
an act I would not have deliberated thus
long, he should have had a full length
likeness long ago, but I question – whether
I can justify myself in doing an act however
gratifying (the non acting of which is not improper
or wrong) to me, which eventually might injure
Harriet & our family if we ever have any
I think in justice to her even should I never
be benefitted by him I ought not to do any
thing which to a man of sense would be
right but to a fool wrong the consequence
of which might be visited on her – As to
myself I do assure you <u>until he pays the
utermost farthing</u> we shall be as he is
to each other a "stranger" no intimacy or
association or business transactions whatever
on any other footing – I cannot interfere
so far I think as to forbid H going there (but
I regret very much she went) on her mothers
acct – but he & I are <u>two</u>
McCarson thinks wool will soon be lower
as the advances were being sent from England
With love to all I dutiful Son
C Bennie Jr

PS No further news except a slight
turn in the affairs at Algeiers where the
Natives & disease of the Climate are
driving the French from the interior
to Algeiers for safety & refuge