

This is in strange contrast with what he tells you, as appears by the letter of this date viz. that he will not turn over until I do make a final statement.

I have been compelled by a sense of duty to myself to write the letter ^{the letter} of which the enclosed is a copy. I consider that you should be apprised of what is passing between us, but on no account are you to make any use of the letter or show it to any of the family, as its exhibition would only open the breach and ^{maybe} add and then to the unhappy family scenes which have too often occurred among us.

In reference to the Silver, I always intended fully should have my portion of it with the small exception stated which I wished as a memento of the family. I gave here my power of attorney to divide & receive my portion when due. I expressly ^{now} repeat that I am not aware that the Silver is ~~subject~~ to division and distribution as long as mother requires the use of it.

I do not recollect the words