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Dear Sir

Your letter of the 10th of July [post-marked the 21st] reached me this morning. I should find some dificulty, were I to attempt it, in expressing the pleasure it gives me. altho' I can not compliment your sagacity in so readily comprehending the drift of the "significant dash" at the end of my last, I am half disposed to grumble [you see I can't lay aside my old political habit of finding fault] at your silence on the subject of a younger lady, who has lately made her appearance to the joy of your & Mrs Horsey's heart, & who will make them hearts ache some sixteen years hence. I beg you to present my best wishes & regards to her mother, to whose remembrance I can plead no title except that she is daily present in mine.

Your intelligence respecting Mrs S. was the more acceptable, because it is the only information I have received concerning her, since she left New York, last spring, on her way home. I thank God that she is again safe, after so great peril. You are right. I have sufficient inducement to visit Boston & if I can get over the depletion of our restrictive system you may expect that I shall embrace your kind ~~[illegible]~~ [for I will not call it polite] invitation.

I see no cause for wonder at the swelling of the Frog, & I trust that he will receive the proper punishment for his insolence. If the men of our county have

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