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Dearest Bill,

This is a hard business for us but we must face it bravely. 'Tis such a comfort to know that Harvey was with him. Dear laddie! I knew all along that this would happen & have been steeling my heart for the trial - the seen arrow slackens its flight. Poor Grace! My heart aches for her. I hope Harvey sent you word as wires from here are so slow. Greetings to you all - & to Archie particularly.

Yours affec.,

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