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My dear Principal, your last
reached me just after I had
mailed my last to you. Enclosed
is a line about William.
I have not yet had a mo-
ment at your command in
which to write the letters
you suggest. And I am bo-
ried to set to them to-night.
I shall set about it as soon
as I can. Though I confess
I have ~~no~~ great idea that
unless as important assurance
of my really meaning all
that the enclosed says, I
doubt whether letters will
serve. In any case, I know but
very slightly. And I doubt

flatter myself I have a part-
icle of what may be called
personal influence. Indeed,
as having before me a ter-
rible election case, I can-
not write a line that could
even by ingenuity be twist-
ed into an asking of any-
thing whatever on a per-
sonal ground. The fear I have
for William is, lest there
should be political prep-
are exercised under false
(more or less) of military
considerations. There may
be some one who can be
set up as a man special-
ly up to military engineering.
I am rather hopeful
of getting into town at some
time of Friday; more so, at
least, than I was.

Yours, truly but
not really
Wm.