

Knowlton, June
8.

My dear Principal,

Your note
concerning Aueker's memoranda
was received me last night.

I am sorry to say I got
home a good deal under the
weather from over fatigue.
And the day before yesterday
my poor wife took a severe
cold, & yesterday kept her bed
from rheumatism affecting
her chest. She is mending, I
think, but is not up yet, &
I am not at all sure she will
be to-day. There seems very
small chance of her being
able to ship by Friday. So
that my only chance left
seems to be that of getting in
for Saturday, on that day,
& returning the same day.
All next week I must

be at Sweetbriar. I don't
know what I should not fail
to feel I need not be in for
Saturday. More especially,
as upon reflection I only
feel more & more strongly
that a final decision on
that day (I mean a decision
on the strength of which any
of the proposed men could
be spoken to) is really out
of the question - in view of
the Aylesbury contest. My
impression is that no harm
will come of it to Abbott;
but action of ours appie-
sent, seeming at all to take
that for granted or to treat
the risk lightly, might do
immense harm. I saw Terria
on the subject in Newmarket.
But I failed to come across
Redpath. You may be true

I shall be in, if I at all
can. But it can at best
only be on a fly, & for
little or nothing, but just
that one matter. I have
not been able yet to steal
a moment for the comment
on the President's memorand-
um. And my judge-work
is pressing, to a degree.

In haste,

Yours most truly
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