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Dearest George—

We had entertained
a slight hope that we ~~mt~~ see
you once again before you
started on your absence for
the summer, but we know how
fully you are occupied & now the
time draws so near when accord-
ing to Custom the entire family
scatters to the four winds the

have to content ourselves
 with the adieu & good wishes
 that paper can convey. Saturday
 is just cutting up. Composed
 of the faithful state & board who
 will see the Hall's cutting ready
 for the larger party that intend
 to leave on Tuesday. On Wednesday
 my Anne & Eric propose to start
 for Maple Farm. His, Elizabeth Lown
 & the preparations for these gangs & the
 charming & closing of this house, in my
 estimation — if successfully accomplished

places the director on a level with
 a two-masted General. got un-
 doubtedly the "sinews of war" skilfully
 used, make matters easier & it has
 I think carried out your generous
 intention & eased his burden when
 possible & so thus far his strength has
 been sustained. He begins however
 keenly to realize the distance there will
 soon be between him & his children &
 all helpful & sympathizing friends, & the
 aloneness with Eric in his present criti-
 cal condition. Lately I again offered
 to go with her & leave papa to Clarence's
 care, but she does not think this best.

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We are relieved by the thought that
if a pressing need arise Mr. Col, some
one of us, go to her or she to us in 24 hours.
I think it very probable that under any
circumstances Bernard will return early
in August bringing out Eva with him
& then according to circumstances new
arrangements of he made. Having alluded
to Ed. Corning let me say, that about the
middle of Oct. will be the limit of his
visit in the hope that you may be able
to return before she has to leave. I am
just a little uneasy about Rankine
we, none of us, have heard from him for
a considerable time. I intended only to
say an affectionate good bye & instead have
used my little time speaking of it & his
plans

I earnestly hope however that notwithstanding this trying hot weather that you are also getting your arrangements successfully made & not become so jaded a condition as to suffer from the long journey. Your father & I propose to start per Miles on Thursday or Friday but unless the heat abates I fear I shall be unable to make the necessary preparations. On Saturday when I should have been at the grand meeting of Miles Court & Dr. Adams

I was lying faintly in bed—after
 a sudden but short attack such
 as the heat induces. Now Mrs. George
 may I be allowed to beseech you to
 do all possible to avoid overfatigue,
 exposure, or risk of any kind & to
 make this summer's week a leisurely
 affair & as short in duration as
 at all compatible with duty. We
 feel lonely when we think of you as so
 very far away, especially in prospect of
 family trouble & R.'s continued non-attendance.
 With all earnest good wishes that you
 may be freed & restored & have a comfort-
 able time I am as ever your loving
 Mother.