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My Dear Wife -

It hath vexed me more than I can express that a vessel should have sailed direct to Manilla and not taken a line from me - I know you will be disappointed and conjecture all manner of reasons for our neglect - and deem me worthy of all manner of abuse - Thus it happened - I was returning home with father yesterday from his counting house, talking on matters touching you when we met with Mr Durand of the firm of Goodhue & Co and on my asking when there would be a chance for Manilla he informed me that a vessel had sailed ~~the day~~ the day previous - he said he would have sent me word as he had promised but that she went off very unexpectedly her destination only being known the day she sailed - But as you won't know any thing of this when the vessel arrives and will not think it possible she should have gone without our knowing it I fear me it will cause you depression of spirits - But it can't be helped now, and the only way to avoid such things in future will be to leave letters always lying at Goodhue's - Had Perrie's and Edger's letters been deposited there instead of father's desk - but as I had

before repining wont-mend the matter. - It is so long since I have written to you that I scarce know where to begin. - but what is uppermost in my thoughts I will despatch first. - The reasons stated for your leaving Russell & Co vary according to the different sources whence they are derived. - The first information I received from the Capt of the York which agrees with the account of Young Gillespie - That you had been out sailing on Sunday, returned in the evening and went to bed, when you were roused from your slumbers by a Chinese servant - ~~from~~ sent by Mr Coolege with the a message that you must turn out - and go to work. - you answered him pretty shortly and went to sleep - next morning you received a note from Mr Coolege informing you that the house had no longer need of your services - you went to take leave of the other members of the house who were quite surprised to learn that you were going. - In short Gillespie's account would throw the blame on Coolege. - Since then Coolege has had an interview with Uncle and as far as I can learn he states that you and Young ^{here} ~~had~~ had been off all day, at a time when the house was very busy and that on your return Young Heard went to work

but that you went to bed - Mr C sent up a message to you requesting you to go to work which you declined, whereupon he went up himself and he, by the way, dwells at-large upon his admirably coolness and consideration, affirming that he waited some time at your door to consider before he entered your room, but - thinking it his duty he went in and requested you to go to work which you declined - This he reported to the house and they agreed that it would not do for you to remain there. - they wrote you a note, which Mr C says he remodelled and softened down himself &c I believe spoke much of regrets and necessity. - Now I should like to really know how the case stands - when I hear from you I will compare your account with what Coolege has said to Uncle and he if he has played false, I will make him recant - or swallow the lie - That the man who owed his life to Uncle - upon whom we relied to prove your best friend ~~among~~ who professed in his answer to Uncle's beautiful letter, for it was beautiful and would have touched any but a stone heart, who ~~proposed~~ professed that he would be so happy to forward your interests and all that - I say that he should have been the means of marring your prospects in that house makes my gorge rise and I feel that if I were to meet

him I should express ~~the~~ my ineffable contempt - for such a creature -
O by heavens when I remember this paltry specimen of humanity and
those with whom poor Sanders has to deal, who can dwell in about
the same region, I am inclined to think there is not a heart as big
as a nutshell down east - Indeed a full blooded Yankee has
no heart; he is a cool calculating thing, a piece of mechanism
whose moving principle is selfishness - a thing whose standard of
perfection is gaged by its money power - !! But as this brawl
must be at the office before 12 o'clock it behooves me to curb
my anger and write you some thing of more interest -

I received your friend Higginson's letter of introduction and called
upon him immediately and asked him to dine, but he went out of
town and has but just returned - I shall call and ask him to dine
with me to day - I am most anxious to see him and have a
long talk of you -

I have not time to recapitulate the doings of society but
will write you tomorrow - all the womankind are as you left
them in a fair way of losing the delights of single blessedness

I send you my book which I don't consider yourself obliged to read
it has been treated most kindly and lauded by the critics as yet -
In to day I renew my ~~dearest~~ wish
Yours &c. W 3263 a

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