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Dear Samuel,

I have the satisfaction to inform you, that I arrived at this place on the evening of Saturday the 11th instant, without any material accident, & in good health. In our passage from Albany, at which place I wrote to you, to New York, the Steam boat got aground and detained us about six hours, which brought us at New York too late for any conveyance to the South on that day - But as we have met with no further embarrassment in travelling, we arrived here in season - The weather was unpleasant through the whole journey, and on the 11th it snowed all day so that the ground was covered with snow when I arrived at this place. I have since learned that the snow ^{storm} was very extensive -

It fell 6 or 8 inches at New York, and much deeper thro Connecticut & Massachusetts, so that there has been good travelling by sleighs from Boston to New Haven & perhaps to New York. I expect to hear that Clement has received his full share.

You will learn by the papers which I send you that we have had considerable difficulty in electing a Speaker, in the place of Mr Clay, who is not here, but has sent in his resignation - having spent two whole days in ineffectual trials, and not being able, on the third day, until after several trials - This difficulty did not arise from the want of qualifications in several of the candidates, but from a Northern & Southern jealousy of each other, which has its origin in the slave question, which