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My dear Wife:-

You are undoubtedly waiting with some anxiety to hear from me, I arrived here last evening and found things all right. I remained in Washington from Wednesday night till Saturday evening, because I could not get away on account of the Potomac being frozen up. I saw Gen Smith there and had a long talk with him in the presence of Mr Baxter - and you may be sure I did not mind matters much. I told him a few strong facts. It is unnecessary for me to give the details, but he promised me upon his honor that he would give me the first chance - and this in the presence of Mr Baxter. George says if he don't fulfill this promise he will make him suffer in a place he don't think. There has been some pretty smart