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My Dear Ellen,

I stayed at Concord last evening (Friday), and am at home this morning, leaving her at C. still - to recruit for a week longer -

I may be too anxious about you - But if it be ^{only} possible, that no rule prevail at W., I am too solicitous for my darling child to have her there, after such possibility is apparent. Remember when a plot was formed to take violent possession of W., and I have no doubt of it. In such an event no restraint would be had, for a time, over the deans who who would go there - During that time you should

not in the - But I do not
insist on your starting
for home, at once, if Mr.
French does not believe
in ^{the} possibility -



I have not time to
say but a word -

Mr Lincoln knows
all my views, and is my
friend - My aspirations
at Boston are very prom-
ising of fulfillment - pro-
bably the highest place

I am hoping
of you Father.