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My Dear Sir:

I thank you for the kind expressions and information contained in your favor of the 18th ultimo. I do not yet feel physically equal to a detailed narration from memory of Mrs Grant's story. I think I may, however, sufficiently meet your present wants by specifying the two leading circumstances which inflamed her anxiety to get away from the capital forthwith.

One was a succession of occurrences which forced upon her the consciousness of being watched, to use a mild term, the reason for which being a mystery she could not fathom. The other was a verbal and maladroit message purporting to come from Mrs Lincoln, the air and manners of the messenger tending to intensify the resentment it occasioned. It related to the proposed entertainment, and she speedily dispatched word to the general pressing for their departure.

Very truly yours,

N E Dawson