

Monday
8 January 1877

My dear Margaret your letter by hands
of Frank reached me yesterday. The other
two sent some days since also came duly
to hand. I deferred replying hoping I might
be able to send you some good news
both as to my financial & other affairs. The
fact is since my return I have only by
the most pressing efforts & sacrifices been
enabled to meet my expenses & have not
had one dollar to use otherwise. That being
the case I thought nothing beneficial
could result to your interest from an
interview with you. Painful as it is to
me I must say at present I cannot do
anything to help you. But I am in hopes &

have good reason to imagine I will
shortly be in a position to do so. If
I can I will with pleasure & delight
do any & all things possible to help
you both with money & advice -
till that occurs I cannot. But my
wish is strong to do so & had I the power
nothing would be left undone
but I have to you & all at home
I am your affectionate Father

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