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Beulah Wood Pa.

August 11. 1868

My dear Jennie

I anxiously looked for a letter from you in to-days mail, but none came, so that I am left in doubt and painful suspense about your health. From what you said in your last note I should think that you had some apprehensions as to your health in future. I hope, dear, that such apprehensions will prove totally unfounded. But ~~let~~ let me say this much that if you are seriously threatened with any illness likely to prove dangerous or permanent, I must be with you. So tell me soon what you ~~appears~~ may be in that respect. I would go home - resign in a moment if my presence with you can contribute to your hap-

- piness or alleviate your sufferings. Of course, my staying here, if your health was good, would be mutually advantageous to us. But this advantage cannot be put against the health and happiness of both or either of us. We have a little of the world's goods now and neither of us need to pick up anties against nature - as I did when I first enlisted. So Command me done in this respect. I tried to get home to see you but, as I told, at the time, I failed on account of others. I am not sure that I could get any resignation accepted, but if there is any occasion for my presence at home with you, I will try hard.

Let me know your mind candidly and fully and believe me ever at the service of my beloved wife wife.

We are still at Beverly you see but we are on tip-toe for a "move"
Yours
Quincy