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I must say one thing though I am afraid according to the presidents ^message he has been caught that dreadful complaint "negro on the brain". I knew Horace Greely and Sumner had been trying to give it to him and I should think he had got it the hardest kind. I will write more tomorrow yours Emily