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My Dear Son

I have not heard from you since I transmitted some letters to you, at your request. From home my last accounts were very favorable.

All here is uncertainty as to the course and designs of the President. The general belief is that he will veto the new bank bill, if it be sent to him. We are to take it up tomorrow in the Senate.

The present state of financial distress is worse than any conceivable condition, and I sincerely hope that the Executive President will soon resign his actual position. I shall vote for the new bank bill upon the same grounds which all our friends will occupy — not because it is what we would have it, but because it has been framed to suit the President's views, as I understand they were communicated.

When will you join us? I hope the Session will not be prolonged beyond next week.

My respects to Mr. Ballou.

Your aff. father

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