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Dear father

A painful necessity ^{to} prompt me to write to you, it is to inform you that the remains of the lamented Henry Durralde were yesterday recovered. ~~They~~ his body was found 3 miles above this place floating among the bushes, & was brought to this place, where an inquest was held over it, a verdict was returned in accordance with the facts already known to you last night Mr McKier & myself went to see the body we found it so much disfigured as to be unable to recognize the features but his clothing & the articles found on him, told too truly that the disfigured & revolting corpse was all that remained of the gallant the gay & talented Durralde, on his body was found about 20¢ in gold coin, a breast-pin & several other small articles his journal was also found. Mr McKier promptly & generously

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