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Springfield Ills Nov. 17. 1875

Dear Robert

In my letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst to you. I was very careful not to proffer any advice, nor to make any suggestions in relation to your Mother and to say that I wrote by her request. Except on the subject of her bonds and other personal property which she thinks she ought to have under her own control she is cheerful and happy, and in good health, and gives less trouble than any person I ever knew. She is very entertaining in conversation, ~~and~~ enjoys the society of her friends - returns and receives their calls. I have tried to assure her that her bonds were safe in your hands, and that you were willing to allow her as much of her income as she needs. Her proposition was that her bonds should be





held in trust during her lifetime  
and so that she could not receive  
more than the annual interest  
and she particularly complains  
that her trustees are withheld from  
her. I have no doubt but that  
you <sup>have</sup> acted from your best judgment  
and from a desire to do every thing  
in your power for her good.

Yours affly  
N. W. Edwards.



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