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Dearest George,

The letter this is enclosed with sh^d has gone yesterday, but was overlooked in a rather screaming day - B. is better, but Clare has collapsed, but I do not think she is going to leave it badly. I think we will have matters in better train here, soon -

As to the other affair Mother saw B. yesterday & asked him explicitly what he was doing, & intended to do. He expressed great regret that she sh^d

be, worried about it, &
disavowed any but the
most friendly feeling towards
you. ~~best~~ - he w^d willingly
explain everything to
mother, though he denied
her having any but a
moral claim to know.
best - as he knew she w^d
tell you, or me, & you
had threatened legal aid
thus making yourself
his direct opponent in
this matter, he was obliged
to keep his own council
& do what he considered
best, in fulfilling a most
sacred trust committed
to him by papa =

He believes you &
mother invited Luigi to ^{un-}
dertake this, you, ^{being unable to do so,} were all
satisfied with what was
done at Metis, he further
conferred with you at

where a, & left - here to write the final letters.
& further interference on your part - was
cancelled for, & our signing to him, & his being

It is difficult to be accurate - at -
second hand, but - this is as fairly as I
can represent his views, & he said see no
other claim, as will listen to nothing
on the other side - We will not go up &
see you, he will be pleased to meet you
in the most - friendly spirit - if you come
down, but - will not enter upon this question
- I will not have objected to your

Addressing any gentleman - upon B. Publishing
I will have thought it - quite well - & ought
not to stop - if you could before it - had
been done - but - afterwards it - has been

above, & to make any public protest was
not seem to me only to bring distress &
discredit - to us all including mothers &
paper - your best, - you were dogmatically &
lovingly & anxious to help. but this is
has been taken from you, & we are in
the position of a man carrying a valuable
who is released of them on the road - but
if impossible to recover, the loss would be
hollow - certainly you will have to offer
some explanation to Colby, perhaps to others
& these will be talk, but that will be
out - The signing & circulating of our paper
seems to me past - redde. If

I have I will read this to mothers
who undertake what I have written, as a correct

statement of what passed
between K. & herself, she wishes
me to add that she did not like
him what she had heard from
you, wishing to avoid the ap-
pearance of an attack, & then
the talk drifted on, & she did not
get it in, she did say definitely
that she & you had relied upon
his word that he was not pub-
lishing, he made no direct reply
to this - & to me this is the last
point.

I had wondered if you
could send Claver a letter or
knowing your case to confer
& point out but your position
if it would do any good. It
might if he would listen but he
might refuse to do so.

It seems to be practically
a fait accompli - & we have
to decide whether it is worth
for papa's memory to allow it to
be thus imperfectly pictured
or to make public our sense
of injury at its being thus done
because it cannot stop the
first effect.

a family quarrel allways
seems to me a disgrace to them
before & after us, as well as to our
selves. Even a just-quarrel
does not reconcile us to it.

Mother really is too much
up & married to write hering
& is grateful for my doing it
though I write ^{letters} like the dis-
patches from the field, the
uneasy household like a restless
horse under me - & the incidents
of the fighting field around
so forgive the mistakes & believe
my most-loving & respectful
& constant-prayer as with
you, dearest

Anne

