

Dunbar

Knowlton, 27 Apr-
72.

My dear Principal, I could not
possibly be in at the Governor's
sheeping h-day, having had to
be at home at Wednesday;
I have been this long time
just so busy I could not
- really, could not - do much
as write you a line. I have
been unable to write a line
to any one about anything.

I trust you will have been
able to lecture Murray, or
otherwise arrange well. I
confer my attempts to ap-
preciate our friend's Essay
on the hi-particle nature of
man don't impress me with
the idea that his selection

would be desirable. If I
had anyhow at all been
able to write sooner, I should
have so written.

I should, ~~surely~~ ^{indeed}, had I been
able, have written the instant
I got notice of your meeting
for to-day (Tuesday). I have
~~written~~ ^{written} to-day why I could
not be in to-day; in order
to show my interest in the
matter.

Now, as to Tuesday.
It is barely possible I could
be in. But only at a sacri-
fice extremely hard to make.
I should have to leave
here ^{Monday evening} before 10 P.M. of Tues-
day, I could not get home
till quite Wednesday.

night. And most, or all
my time in town would
then be wasted; because
I could not during to-morrow
do the tenth part of what
I had need do, ^{here} before being
prepared for two days
of effective town work.
I should, ^{or things} have to be again
in town very soon after,
all the same.

Towards the end of the
week, ^{or possibly} or more likely,
during some days between
the 10th May & the 25th or
so, I must be in town.

To come in special for
Tuesday would half kill
me. You can't think how
driven I am. And I am
so very anxious to get my
judge work here at once

So off my mind as to be
free for my hard-earned
summer holiday. — Whether
I thereby get a ^{new} lease of
life by a voyage home or
not.

If there really is any
matter of vital importance
up for Tuesday, telegraph
to; & I will try, though
I really was not ^{sure} ^{of} it.
Or if my afternoon meeting
of either body later ^{can}
be of use, I will do my
very utmost to arrange
to meet whatever may
be your convenience.
Any way, I should be
much obliged by a line
to say what you have been
doing as to these matters.
Yours most truly,
Christie Smith.