

Knowlton, 18 Dec.
77.

My dear Principal, your note
reached me last night. I would
write instantly to Baker, & to Chas.
Joo, if I thought I could do any
good. But it strikes me that it would
only be by interview that I could
hope to be of even the smallest
use. What had need be written,
a judge can't write.

I have little doubt Baker
will be home for Xmas; & I will
do my best then to way lay him.
A few days after Xmas, I must
be in town for a week or more;
& I may then have a chance
of catching some one or other
by them, besides Baker. If I
can, I will.

A difficulty in the way of
writing is that I don't know
the length gone into by the News-
vial. This is rather (though less)
affect, even my talking. Would
it be so much trouble for you
or Baker, to mail me copy of

Draft of the memorial? Don't do
it, if it is any trouble to sign it.
I was hoping to be in before
Xmas, but I find I can't man-
age it. I seem to be over head &
ears in work of all sorts. But
I am most thankful to say
I am much better than I could
have hoped to be, so far, with
it all!

In haste,

Yours ever,
D. H.

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