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That God may bless and prosper what now remains is the sincere and fervent prayer of
Your ever affectionate Father,
Wm Bower

P.S. Forgive my hurry and perturbation of mind. I would have written you better and more fully had I felt well. Your wife's friends will be at your place this afternoon. My kind love and that of your dear Mother's, your affectionate Catherine, with our sincerest sympathy.

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