

But so are most men, & women
as well. I will get off my letter
to Harry tomorrow.

Your forever
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Dear Mother

I have not quite finished my
letter to Harry, but will do so tonight.
To write as you asked requires a long
story, & I want to send him some-
thing satisfactory. I want him to re-
sue that we are right and that
his Superiors in rank after the 4th & 5th
March are not only entitled to but
deserve the loyalty of the army &
navy in sustaining the government.
I have not had a moment of spare
time at the office since I heard from
you, & have therefore been obliged to
write in the evening. I think we
shall have to fight it out after
all, unless starvation & bankruptcy
should subdue the Southern rebels
without grape-shot & bayonets. Everyone
here of all parties except Wood & a few

of his drunken crew, are in favour
of sustaining the government against
Traitor. By a call of volunteers
the City of New York alone would
send twenty thousand men upon
short notice. I hate hoodlums
more than most men I think, but
anarchy is much worse and I fear
the alternative may be near.

Jan 18 —

Dad's letter is just received.
Tell him that neither George nor
myself have succeeded. We are still
subject to all laws from head
quarters, & will join the Home
Squadron whenever ordered.

I think you had better get him
Auction's Virgil. The only one I
ever had was badly damaged when
I went to college. It's remains
must be buried in the house some-
-where. George has none except a

Leipzic edition, which has a
prose rendering in the margin
which is not well. Be sure he
examines the vol. (author's) to
see that the twelve books are
there. An abridgment of Virgil
is a classic treasure almost
as ruinous as an abridgment
of the Modern Republic. I will
go to Clonistown as soon as I can.
The treasury is not replete just now
and I find retrenchment necessary.
Boney is the lion. When he
has subdued all the vicious
kings, we mean he shall
crown our clayton. I think
he could manage her with the
help of the 7th Regiment. I went
to see the Home Tamer with a
party the other evening. The audience
consisted of Anti-Slavery & Jockeys.
The man is much of a curmudgeon.