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Dear Mr. May 11 Sunday night  
 Dear Dad. The letter which I wrote  
 you by day night, I did not put in  
 the post, as the boats make so much  
 better time now, I thought I would  
 save it for an opportunity on the  
 river. The Missouri is at flood tide—  
 waving & "chaffing with its shores"—  
 more yellow, I mean than Father  
 Tiber. I heard from Lawrence last  
 night. Robinson had left for the east.  
 A subpoena had been issued under  
 the indictment to bring in Reed.  
 The gentlemen refused to go, standing  
 on his privilege, as a member of  
 Congress as I learn, wherein two  
 of the Committee sustained him.  
 Seaman issued an attachment  
 for him, & the deputy sheriff, was  
 about to "break things" with a posse  
 of desperados, when Oliver arrived  
 at Seaman & made some commu-  
 -nication, on which they still hesit-  
 -ate. What it was we are left to infer  
 from what he knew. The inference is  
 that he informed these devoted patriots—