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Dr Sir. Your favor

of the 10th inst. Present appearances indicate that great debate on Kansas will run along through three months of the session. You will therefore hear from me, some when you may & I would fix my time of coming with reference to my convenience in other particulars. Congress is a "Circumlocution office" as you know, & their operations on Kansas, so far as the House of Reps is concerned, will not commence till after the holydays. The discussion in the Senate will go on at the rate of two speeches per week. You may hear Davis & Douglas both I think early in January. I have nothing new to note in Campbells case. The Comm^t is not unfavorably Constituted. I think that the best he has to hope for is a chance to take testimony. I have not heard the name of Vallandigham hardly since I

= I have been here. We have had Mr
Clay his daughter & Mrs Lowe & Tom
& Jonathan Hutchinson with us. I have
shown them quite as much attention
as they had any right to Expect &
more than was either agreeable or
convenient. Owing to the pressure of my
engagements here, I shall not be able to
get away from the City, at the adjournment
. I will) at some Lady friend to go with
me here & get the fuss for Stan.
I had an interview with the President
last Wednesday. Nothing of importance
transpired. I see a good deal of Douglas.
The President is said to be very uneasy
at the turn of affairs. He is more obese
than represented in portraits & not nearly
so neat. I thought him rather slouchy
in his appearance. I think his party are
rapidly thinning in the North, as they
ought to be. The Cook idea is a good one
provided you put a year or two on to
it, in the way of thought & labor. Do
not rush into such a matter.