

I have been here. We have had Mr
Clegg 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 get some lady friend to go with
me here & get the post for San.

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 nervous
at the turn of affairs. He is more obese
than represented in portraits & not nearly
so neat. I thought him rather louchy
in his appearance. I think his party are
rapidly thinning in the North, as they
ought to be. The book 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.