

itself to your own mind by
which I could be of the least
use in forwarding my object
you have in view? Of this
well, the very friendliest
thing you could do would be
to let me know. Of your health
you do not specially speak
nor do I gather clearly whether
what you say of your "suffering"
from this "true atrocious"
and insupportable war relates
simply to what all must
feel or to more direct influence
of a baneful kind on your
own immediate prospects.
Such would doubtless be
a possible result for any of
us, as there is no knowing
the moment at which
retrenchment may be forced
upon the wealthy classes
of this country by the state
of affairs abroad or even
at home, and naturally