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I'm sorry to hear of dear. Your  
note did not reach me before I  
was compelled to leave home on  
Monday morning, I imagined my note had  
not been properly posted & was in  
a small despair.

At 3 o'clock on my return I  
found a note from the man  
who was to send me a carriage  
to say he was unable to send  
on the carriage I had engaged  
I hurried through my dinner,

So as to get to you if only for  
a moment to explain this  
to you I was again interrupted  
& not able to proff. The Fates  
are cruel for I want to see  
you more than I dare tell  
you.

I shall try for a look at  
you tomorrow afternoon on  
my way to dinner at Newburgh  
God knows whether I shall  
accomplish it. for while  
these Children are with me

I do not seem to belong to myself.  
or be mistress of my own  
actions. I only am sure of  
one thing & that is my long  
admiration for you. My desire  
to be with you. & my regret  
at disappointment

Love me. believe that I am

Yours faithfully  
Mrs

Wm. Howells the  
People of Concord  
that I ask you to let  
me bring Miss (Tobias  
to see you!

Wm. Howells