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Malden, Ills.

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Mrs John Jones,

Dear Madam,

We were

very much troubled last Saturday evening from reading an account of the destruction of your house & property and of the robbery of your self and of the fiendish attempt upon your husband. Being a personal not a political friend of President Pierce I wrote him immediately requesting that he should telegraph to the U. S. offices having authority upon the Reserve that your family might have speedy protection and that the creatures engaged in this most diabolical outrage, might be pursued & punished. Will you write to us giving a particular description of XXX of your misfortunes and if you see any evidence that the U.S. Govt. do any

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thing in answer to my call will you be at the trouble to inform me of it. I am very desirous of knowing if any notice is taken of such an appeal. We are deeply sorry that liberty & the blessings of a free government should be so little regarded.

My wife sends to you her warm regards & receive for your self & husband my warm sympathies.

Respy yours

A.D. Dearborn

I suppose you would like to hear something of our oldest son Frederic. He is now quite a young man at an Academy in Vermont fitting for College. We have only in addition a little daughter about 10 years old. Let us know with regard to your family.