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Date: Apr. 2, 1862

Description: K.B. Sewall on war, inability to travel

Mobile, April 2^d 1862

My Dear Somers,

Your letter of the 5th Mar. postmarked Norfolk the 21, was received day before yesterday. Your Mother wrote you in reply & I had it forwarded yesterday via "Norfolk & Flag of truce." paid postage here & inclosed money for postage North. We have sent two letters previously by the same rout, but fear you have not received them. I send this via Havana. We regret much to hear of your Grandmother sickness. We fear it will be her last sickness & your Mother is ready to fly in order to see her & be with her – but I see no chance of her being able to go on – no permits are granted for any one to leave the Country. and just at this time, battles seem to be impending at

all the points of egress. I am exceeding ^ pained that your Mother can not come on – but so it is. We trust that Grandmother will be better & continue along till some of us & your Mother can come on which will be by the first opportunity you may rest assured. Advise with Dr. Davis or Mr. Willis as to the proper security of things. – also with Aunt Ellen. She must do whatever is right & proper & you, my Son, must do everything in your power to make your Grandmother easy & comfortable. See Mr. Weeks. Perhaps he can find some employ-

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ment for you. Anything for the present and to afford you useful occupation. There is not only now way for your Mother or any of the family to go on, but there is no way of remitting you any money for your necessary expenses – We trust there may be a change soon.

We are in a sad condition. God only Knows when it will end – Ever Most affectionately Your father

K. B. Sewall

Somers Sewall
Portland
Maine