

Leicester,
Sat. p. m.
Mar. 20/69.

Dear friend Garrison,

18 Yours to me of 18th came
yesterday. It must have met, on the
road, one from me to you, communicating
nearly the same facts ^{you} I wrote to ~~you~~ ^{me}.

It does seem to me highly
proper that Mr. Sewall should be
our Chairman; — unless it should be
deemed more so, (as I think probable) ^{it will,} than
you should be. I had, at first,
desired you should be the Secretary,
and put the matter in proper shape
upon the Records of the Trustees; but
you seemed to be disinclined to take that
office. — I have so many things on
hand just now, that I would a little
rather not add the work of the Secretary^s
ship to it. It seems to me, ^{that} a pretty full
statement of our position should be
spread upon those records; — and I fear
I cannot find the time for it, at present ^{any} ^{of over}.

If however you, either as President or as Chairman of a Comtee, would prepare such a statement, I could have it properly entered upon the records. —

Always providing, however, that we get those Records; and this will depend upon the question whether the Court's action ^{is} already ~~the records~~ ^(if not) or whether ^{the Court} ~~they~~ will pass an order for the delivery of the records to the New trustees. I

have written to Mr. Davis on that subject.

~ We ought to have the Records; but I feel quite sure that, if they can hold on to them by any pretext whatever, they will certainly do so.

— It is about time, I suppose, for W. P. to begin his maledictions upon the Court and ourselves. ~ I never see the "Standard" now, but I shall want to see what W. P., and our pleasant-tempered friends at

Phil^a, - E. M. D. & R. P. - have
to "say about it". Their anger
will be hot; but not of much consequence.
- I now expect to have to go
to Boston by Tues. or Wednesday of
next week. If I go, you shall hear
from me. - I infer Mr. Villard
keeps about; and I hope is altogether
well.

We were greatly blessed
and comforted by Edward's safe
return home, yest. afternoon, after
an absence of nearly 3 years -
- Having a pretty thorough cold he had
got after landing - having been mostly
used to tropical weather ~~for~~ during
his long absence - He is very well
indeed, & seems no older than when he
left us. With kindest regards to
you all, Truly Yrs.
Saml. May Jr.

