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My dear Garrison

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I don't know what A. E. D. may have said in his account in Boston of the interview between Lincoln & Mr. L. but I do know that if he there stated what Owen says he told him of the proceedings of that occasion, that he told a story 5/6ths of which was without a shadow of foundation in fact. I know this from testimony not to be questioned. It is the most monstrous & wicked perversion of the truth that I have almost ever heard of.

In that interview A. E. D. said but very few words. She was more a witness than a party. What she did say was "foolish according to her own acknowledgement at the time. She burst in to tears — struck an attitude and begged ~~that~~ Mr L. to excuse her for coming there to make a fool of herself. The Defendant was paternally kind and considerate in what he said to her, and her resentment is most — inexcusable.

Please say nothing at present on this subject. I will see all about it

when I speak for him — and more.

I have too had an interview with the Pres't — I have heard him — not of my feelings. I too have seen some of the anecdotes between Mr L. & New Orleans. It is greatly to Mr L's credit as a friend to the black man. Mr L. is in advance of his party on the question of negro suffrage. Not in advance of all — but of the majority. But more anon

Yours faithfully

Frank Blair