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Dearest Mother,

I have been at the Capitol all day seeing Senators and Representatives about West Virginia- I talked for an hour with Senator Elkins of West Va. beseeching him to take the night train down, in order to help us win enough votes before our measure is disposed of tomorrow. Senator Elkins wouldn't go- said he had something the matter with his

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[sinus?] & that if he travelled he might have to have a bone cut out of his forehead! Also that Senator Lodge wouldn't let any of them go on account of needing their vote on the Peace Treaty- of course that was ridiculous, for several of the Senators are away, and the other Senator from West Va. (Sutherland) did go down last night to Charleston at our request. He is not nearly so powerful as Elkins in the state legislature.

Dr. Lawrence, who was so good to Sophie [Diller?] + was in Louisville, has been visiting me for a week- and leaves for Boston to night. She sails for

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Japan next month to remain there for 3 years. I am giving her a letter to Mr. Roland Morris, our Ambassador.

What a lovely trip Esther & Howard will have together. I am so glad they are both going to Florida, and am much tempted to beg somebody to go with me. I had planned something of the kind earlier in the winter, thinking our suffrage work would soon be safely over- but now the prospect of an early finish is not good- not if West Va. goes

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against us.

It's a glorious sunny day and now I'll go for my breakfast. I began this last night before I went to bed.

Am looking for Louise to day or to morrow and hope to hold on to her for a week at least.

Very lovingly
Dora