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Dear Archbishop,

I was hoping, all last week, to get over to Paris, but those who seem qualified to judge, insist that I wanted here, and so I stay.

The Journals say you were to leave Paris, and I do not know that you have ~~not~~ departed.

There were curious conjectures here about the object and nature of your interview with the Emperor.

The apprehensions of War are abating, though we have no knowledge of the intentions of our Government.

I am meeting important personages constantly at Breakfasts and Dinners, where American Affairs engrosses the conversation. On Friday I had a long and I think not unprofitable conversation, at Dinner, with two Members of the Cabinet, (Milner Gibson and Mr Villiers) and Lord Clarence Paget, of the Admiralty. I urged, as earnestly as I could, the fairness and duty of other Governments, to give us reasonable time to subdue a Rebellion. They admitted the probability of a movement in Parliament to break the Blockade, but I do not believe, if the Trent difficulty is settled, that the Government will favor the movement. Mr Gibson is decidedly our Friend. Mr Villiers says that he has not discovered a justification for the Rebellion.

I was to have Breakfasted with the Duke of Argyle, but he has been called to the Queen. By the way I amused a large Dinner Party last Week by telling them how politely, thirty years ago, you presented to Her Majesty a *Pinch* of Snuff.

Very truly Yours
Thurlow Weed