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Hon. G. Welles

Washington 14 May
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expressed himself ready to
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not pleased with the school, and
proposed to go to Hartford and
commit himself to his old
teacher Rev Mr Hull, whom
he used to think too strict, I
did not exactly like his going
back to Hartf^d, but consented
under the circumstances, and
he has got established with Mr Hull

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persuaded me to take a trip
to Hampton Roads. We were
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a very pleasant time. I took
the best boat at the Navy
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and left office cars behind.
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forty five miles to Cumberland
where McClellan was encamped
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him we passed two divisions
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locality of the old families.
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Gen. McClellan, and other
officers came on board, and we
went with him to a review
of his troops. He anticipated
an early & severe fight before
reaching Richmond. While I did
not dispute, I doubted the
fact. It will not surprise me
if there is a battle - nor will
it surprise ^{me} if Richmond is
evacuated without one.

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took. That evening we
reached Lynnhaven about
11. I was called the next
morning soon after day-dawn,
and looking out I saw the
old Church of Lynnhaven
in a picturesque grove on
the immediate bank of
the river directly ahead of
our boat. We turned about
at that point and returned to
Washersboro which we reached

Monday morning.

I regret we
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and should have been still
better pleased could you
have gone with us. But it
was a sudden snow storm
finally adopted, though
we had talked of it for some
time. We are getting unpleasant
news from the Shenandoah
region, but I will not comment
upon it. I trust you have
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Haverhill - that Laura has
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Yours Edwin Kellogg
Edw R. Hale

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My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the
of the same, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

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