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My Dear Brother

Edward arrived here rather to my surprise about four days since. He informs me that you have declined purchasing, at any rate for the present. In that I think you act wisely, for you can't be too cautious in your investment. I am a good deal disappointed in the size of my crop, still I think I shall get about 500 bales - but the probability seems to be that we shall get nearly nothing for it.

I should like to hear from you how Edward behaved in Missouri, from his own account he has been drunk ever since he left home, gambling - and has spent a great deal of money, he has not told me this, of course, but every one else - I hope it may prove only the bragging talk of a foolish boy - I am really distressed about him, and don't know what to do with him, it is no trouble to me, and I would rather