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William Morrison Esq - St Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir,

Nov^r 12. 1857.

Yrs of 30th - answer to mine
per Telegraph of 23^d ult. was rec^d last evening.

Again my dear Sir, have we to defer the
accomplishment of our anxious desires & intentions

Yrs of 6th ult. viz^d 22^d - suggesting Alys
readiness to start at once, had he the means to do so
reached me too late - Oct 22^d. to admit of my sending
funds, in time, per mail, or even to come myself
and return with them before the closing of ordinary
travel and transportation for the season from the
Lakes and Canals to this place - and hence I avail
myself of the only chance of accomplishment by
the Telegraphic despatch sent you on the 23. the
special object and explanation of which is contained
in the enclosed - the duplicate of which was simulta-
-neously forwarded per mail, for the more explicit
understanding of my desires and expectations of ob-
taining Alys this fall - Indeed I have anticipated
his arrival about this time -

But yrs of yesterday, announcing his inability
to start before the 15th of this Mo. - Nov^r even if he had
the needful, takes me completely at back and renders
it impracticable for all useful or judicious purposes
to get them here ^{at} this late season, or before next
Spring - Frost & snow, cold storms and winter weather are now now

upon us. - What then must it be with you?

The common regular travelling and transportation lines of conveyance between the Lakes and the West are already closed or closing. - No other way is available to them. - If they could even get to Chicago by Steam or Rail Road this Ws. they could get no farther but by hard carriage through the country over bad roads from Chicago to this place, at extra expense and much suffering.

I shall therefore relinquish all anxiety and expectation of getting him this fall and defer any further attempt till Spring, when I may resume negotiations and meet probably in person, when we can understandly and definitely settle the terms and conditions of our engagements. - Tell them I shall waive anxiety on the subject - hoping in the mean time that you will duly notify me of any emergency or essential change of either physical condition or mental determinations or disposition.

With kindest assurances of grateful esteem & friendship. I am Dear Sir

Yrs Sincerely

Wm B. Brewster

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Mr. Morrison

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