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My Dear Sweet One -

Mr. Browning will hand you this. As leave this morning - Heaven only knows when I may leave - not before on tomorrow week I fear. My principal causes all undecided yet - and mostly untouched - The adverse party hoping to obtain advantage or delay, by my leaving or a ^{by} sudden adjournment hold off, and avoid meeting the cases -

How anxious I am to be with you. But it would be the utmost bad faith - nay - dishonorable - to abandon my clients interest to their fate -

Could I only have heard from you, time had not seemed so long -

On evening before last, I felt certain of a letter by the Burlington Mail. I had requested it in one of my former letters, & expressed a similar desire before I left home. My disappointment made me almost sick - It was a sad night - anxious to make the matter worse, the Court Messenger, off

I have nothing received since I wrote you before - Browning leaves the Bridges & Cannon untouched - I am to have the whole see -

I fear you may need more funds
and I will send you a fine.

the health of their wives &c. but nothing
for poor I. But I must not complain
of my Darling - Perhaps the miserable
mails have detain her fond note on
the way - or perhaps - I doubt not
what - perhaps she don't know
how happy one line would have
made her devoted husband - &
perhaps she may think him
foolish in wishing her to be always
writing -

I could almost abuse the
Court out right for not forcing things
more dilligently. But patience is
a great virtue, and I will resort
to it - Kiss my Babes - Dear Babes -

Some lucky Turn may get me
off in Tuesday's Stage but not until
tomorrow week I fear -

Forever my dear one, ~~your~~
most devotedly your husband
and love - D. Roper