

Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C.

Pointe-au-Pic, Canada,
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My dear George:

Thank you for your letter of July 5th. I am delighted to hear from you and delighted to know that you are now settled down to a real cure. I have no doubt that this will do you a great amount of good.

So far as I am concerned, I haven't made the progress that I hoped for. After I left Washington and came here, I sat up and walked around and had a masseur, but the Doctor thought that he would try his hand again at rest and digitalis, and he has been doing that now for upwards of ten days. He has not succeeded in bringing about a normal condition. I think I must trust therefore to a little different form of action when I give up this treatment, as I hope to, next week. The change I am sure has done me good – the doctors are certain of that – but the end I am seeking to achieve has not been reached.

My daughter and her husband and two children are here in a new house which I built for them last year, and seem to be very happy. The house is within the same inclosure with mine. My brother Charles has had a bad carbuncle and has not yet come here, but we hope that he may reach here next week. Next month my two sons with their children will come here, so that I hope to have them all within the inclosure for three weeks or a month. This is a most recuperative atmosphere, and I count much on it.

The judicial salaries bill was not defeated, but it came up and was postponed by a vote of something like 150 to 115. A great many had gone home. I am hopeful there were many who would have voted for the bill who were glad to postpone it. The condition of a Congressman in facing an election is as sensitive as that of a woman anticipating the birth of her child.

I look to a passing of the control of the House, not from the Republicans to the Democrats, but from the regular Republican control to no control. This will prevent much legislation, but I am not at all sure that that is not as good a situation for the Republicans as we can expect. It will prevent substantially everything but the appropriate bills, and a halt in legislation in these times, with prosperous business, is not a bad thing.

The thought of your being dealt with under the most favorable circumstances gives me the utmost satisfaction. I am sure that it means everything for your health and the happiness of all of us. Love to Mrs. Sutherland.

Affectionately yours,

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