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down to do." I should seem not  
for now that the months of July,  
seem to have passed. Those of  
actual bodily painfulness begin.  
About three weeks before I left Rome  
I began to feel a burning in my left  
breast. About the size of a small nut.  
I took advice upon it & was sent by  
my good Doctor to Stranthenhill  
Bavaria. to try if the water would  
surprize it. but I became too sick.  
- I was obliged to consent to go there,  
& came on to Paris - where I thought  
to go some time which would  
bring me relief. but I could not. It  
was too incipient to pronounce upon  
with certainty. & I came on to London  
always with a dead weight kept me  
from sleeping. I did not seek any  
advice in London - but thought I would  
take the advice of my Paris D. to go  
to the country some where. when I could

sit out in a field & try to recover the tone  
of my nerves. Here I <sup>came on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June</sup> ~~remained 21<sup>st</sup> of June~~  
& putting myself under Dr. Sully's care  
began a mild water treatment.  
I then continued to pursue. After I  
had been here about 3 weeks. having  
occasion to go to London on business  
I took advantage of the opportunity  
to write to the great Surgeon Mr. Pagan  
who, after a careful examination. told  
me - that there was no cure for it - but  
"cutting it out". and that "the sooner it  
was done the better". I may imagine  
the state of nervousness this put me  
in. I could not stand. It said it was  
not a thing to be done tomorrow. or the  
next day or next week. but would  
have to be done ultimately. I must  
watch carefully that I did not bear  
it too long. I can hardly describe  
to you how I felt. The earth seemed  
cut from under me! My brother was  
not satisfied with this opinion &  
offered me to go with him to a Mr. Wilson

about this matter, impartial  
Study. He told me that I must try  
a lotion which he would give me for  
a month or six weeks. After that  
time he could better tell me whether  
Dr Papt's opinion must be carried  
out. So I came back here. This was  
on the 9<sup>th</sup> of "m" - a day before the  
the trunk arrived with a couple  
of lead water. in. since. I do not  
know whether it has been used  
then. It has not increased. And  
my much larger than it was when  
I first discovered it - about the 9<sup>th</sup> of  
May. This day found in the month  
I have been living under. & this is why  
I have not paid for nothing - especially  
writing letters. - You will forgive me. I am  
sure. & I'm very sorry for the cause. &  
I will keep to myself - only saying  
if you hear any one blame me for  
negligence. - I am not well & not  
able to write. When I write to you I will  
do better. but I have so much writing  
to do. & especially now. I am