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I think tomorrow I will do so, and trust such a procedure will be approved by yourself.

Very Truly,

Boston, Oct. 26, 1864

Your most obedient,

P. S. Crowell

E. Dennis.
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