N. C., Jan 23, 175

Dear Brother,

Your letter of May 21 duly received. I have no special to offer for this tardy answer, but the one you fill back on viz. "Putting it off from time to time" is very gratifying to hear that all our folks are well and particularly that Father & Mother continue well and smart and I hope grow old fast.

I have been providing myself a rich treat, in the shape of a visit home this summer, but if now go big free much as though business would prevent the contemplated trip.
The telegraphic advice of the 17th News Center chief contains at Boston and Charlestown, I read with much interest. Please send one or two or three Boston papers of 1876 inst.

In regard to coming out here, Frank, I have this to say, if the political feature was clear and the success of the Republican party assumed in 1876, I would advise you to come at once and I would obtain a good paying situation for you in government employ. But that process is doubt ful. Wait until we know the result of 1876 election. If the Democrat win, neither you nor I could hope for anything here in politics or business.

A matter in 1876 turn out favorable, and you find it is come to La., I will extend you my aid and influence in getting "a start" as you call it. I give you all my love and yeur enclosed kind regards Photographs quite recently. In my wounds. The only bad result will be some loss of motion in left arm. Love to all.

Write again soon. Let me know about Father affairs.
The Mortgage & Co.

Yours truly, Alyson.
Mr. Frank E. Badger
Milton, Mass.