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My dear Mr Adams

I am quite ashamed at my
 long silence but most likely
 you may have heard that I
 have been confined for
 weeks to my bed ^{which} ~~rather~~
 will be excused enough

for my not answering

Thanked you long before

now for your last kind

letter without my saying any

more on that subject

but I am Dear You

will be glad to know I really
 am beginning to recover
 my strength & considering
 all I have gone through
 ought to be thankful
 my health has suffered
 so little — You know how
 I have been worried all
 my life with the humps
 on my feet therefore
 I determined to extract
 & have them all
 taken off & as I got through

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ly the ^{two} operation on the Scum was
so well ~~performed~~ & by Keate was
so decided all night to
issue off I felt it a duty
to submit to your hand within
the five weeks four have
been taken off the last
the most severe operation
& my nerves are much
shook but it is impossible
to say how much
showered my hand is &
am thankful I feel to
Keate for his care
attention & real kindness

The confinement has been
very long & part of the time
I was very low indeed
but by God's care & grace
I am coming about again
& can descend to the
table & can walk up & down
stairs alone. The rest of
the family are all well
I can not write more long
as I must say God Bless
you but not before I say
to bless you God bless Mary
remember me tenderly to
your Adams & your Daughters