

I replied this morning by Western Union Day Letter:

"Exhausted every effort before wired yesterday stop a lawyers business not his own and neglect means neglect of grave trust confided by clients stop have labored many hours night work attempting arrange get away but couldnt clean up everything and must be here this week or seriously recreant to my duty to clients in two important litigations that I cant put off."

I now confirm the same.

I would say that besides the two litigations therein mentioned, there are several other matters of lesser but of considerable importance, that are also pressing me so ^{very} ~~that~~. My situation for the last two months has been that I have been almost continuously either out of town or trying cases and the result is that my office work has piled up until it imperatively requires my attention without further delay and I am in default with briefs in some important cases in which I am just unable to pass the buck any longer.

You can readily understand that my primary duty is to those gentlemen who engage my services and rely upon my giving them the conscientious and fullest exercise of what skill I may possess. It would be a gross fault to throw them down. It would be a gross fault to throw you down and the convention down if I were able to go and just laid down on it. ~~Exxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxwith~~ ~~me~~ But such is not the situation and when there comes a conflict of duty, I am sure that you will agree with me that the duty to my client is certainly first. If I could arrange matters to perform both duties, nothing would please me more, and that is what I have seduously endeav-