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260 Cumberland Street  
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Dear Professor Wells:

I have been studying the readings,  
and hope to have them satisfactory by Monday,--

THE BUFFALO  
A GRAVE

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HE "DIGESTETH HARDE YRON"  
WHAT ARE YEARS

I am giving "niger" the America-English pronunciation,-  
"ni-ger," and hope this is right. I find I must omit  
the last half of stanza 2 of THE BUFFALO in order to have  
the timing safe.

With regard to luncheon, you are  
indeed kind to think of making duty a pleasure for me, and  
I ought not, perhaps, to make a relatively subordinate  
undertaking serious, but I think I should have a slight  
meal here at home before leaving for the Studios, and  
concentrate on the readings. If afterward there should be  
time to look at one or two of the exhibits, it would be  
a real pleasure. The Museum of course may close early,  
or you may have an appointment; you must not feel that I  
ought to know in advance about this.

Sincerely yours,

*Mrs. Anne Moore*