

Noah Brooks - 10 & 28th at -

large, plump, florid, white hair & -
beard cut away on the chin & falling
on each side (like two spike-tails -
ceremonious - ceremony is so inconspicuous in
a wading horse pirale - sitting ^{room} where
the bed folds up & there is a screen
before the wash stand)

Knew M L in Springfield - "Noah
head with him" - What a fortunate
dinner that was - says it was in
1857 - before he was ever thought of as
senator! (He evidently has forgotten
the Lincoln - Muntz episode) goes
back to Wash^{ington} & sends for him (!!!) (A
Viola asks who is Noah Brooks?)
Tells of dinner in White House when M L
refused to ^{eat} corn-bef & cabbage they had
in 1857 in Springfield & how "Mother"
was ashamed of it - "Mother" is
pleading now that M L. has spoken
of it. She remarks that she has
supervised such dinners, at which
Mr Brooks remarks that to live

myself (the way) that - he thinks she
asked that

Story of Mr L's asking Miss (B) on occasion
of Edward South's death - What did E ever
do? not one original thing - repeating with
a shade of disdain E's proof in French
shade of John Adams - break your silence
- etc - Agassiz comes in at this
point - and Mr L. assumes a look of regret
& talks with much emotion of E's death.
The dinner time was no interval - of hypnosis.
Only the difference between the way L
was "sly & devious" (the note - latter not
Mr B's adjective) talked to an individual (that
me. Mr B) and a new replacement whom he did
not know.

B did not go to Collegebury to hear speech, read
speech & did "not think much about it."

- Tells me how he does his work - is un-
interrupted from 7.30 to 12.30 "the laws of the
medals & Persians are not more innumerable"
ahum!