

Sunday 11. A. M.
Washington May 6th 1849

My Dear Sue.

As it is possible we may delay our return a day or two longer than we at first anticipated I send you a line that you may not be uneasy on our account. We reached Washington late on Friday evening after passing a day in Baltimore, which we left on Thursday morning at 9 O. Clock for Harper's ferry on the Potomac, at which we arrived about noon, passed that afternoon & the next morning till 1. O. Clock rambling along the banks of the Potomac & Annapolis & climbing the mountains. The scenery at the confluence of the two rivers is probably some of the grandest we found on our continent and Sarah enjoyed it exceedingly. I really did not think there was so much "enthusiasm^{us}" as Lord Byron calls enthusiasm in his composition. At 1. O. Clock Friday we took the down train and had to retrace our steps to within seven miles of Baltimore, where we joined the Cars for Washington which we reached pretty well fatigued at 7 O. Clock. We got our supper and soon after put ourselves comfortably under the "skins" pretty well tired out with our long rail road ride. Yesterday after a good night's rest, we rose early, had breakfast at 7 1/2 O. Clock and immediately after set out for a stroll. It was a lovely morning, warm even to summer. so

much so that Sarah found her thin summer dress most acceptable. We walked up to the President's house and strolled about the beautiful grounds for a couple hours, took a look at some of the fine Buildings of the Government Departments situated in the same section of the City, when we returned home for a ~~resting~~ little rest. The morning was so beautiful tho; a little warm, we did not remain in the house long, but put out again in the direction of the Capitol, which lies at the opposite extreme of the City from the President's house, about a mile apart. We found the grounds here still more beautiful than those around the President's, tho; it was so warm we could not ramble much. We went all over the Capitol, in the room of the House of Representatives the Senate, the library & looked at the paintings in the panels of the Rotunda, till we were again pretty well tired out. While we looking at these we found on emerging upon the terrace, that our beautiful day was likely soon to come to an end; the wind had risen and in the west, fast making their way to the City, heavy black clouds, with flashes of lightning told us it was time to get under cover. We had scarcely reached our Hotel ere down came the rain in torrents. We had hoped it would only be a shower & that the afternoon would be still more pleasant than the morning, from the shower cooling the atmosphere, but we were destined to disappointment the wind changed to the north East and a

regular old fashioned storm set in, which has continued up to this time. With the change of weather has come change of temperature, yesterday uncomfortably warm and to day, fires all over the house. Should the weather promise a change before bed time to night we will probably remain till Tuesday evening & be at home with you on Wednesday night about 10. O. clock. However, should it be unpropitious on going & bed to night I think we will leave in the train which starts from here at 5 O. clock tomorrow morning & be at home by 10. the same night. I hope weather will stay till we get back. Another reason for my remaining is that it is only within the last day or two I have felt benefitted by my trip, the travelling was most too much for me. I doubt your being to read my writing. Sarah is very well & I think enjoying herself very much; when some the little ones will come to her mind pretty often when she wants very much to see them, still she knows they are in good hand & much she will take care of.
Yours aff. W. Loring.

My Dear little Kitty;
Father wants to see his dear little girl very much. He hopes she has been a good girl whilst he has been away. When his little Kitty grows to be a young Lady, then Father will take her with him to see all the fine cities and ^{beautiful} country places. She must be a good girl and attend to what Father says to her. She must learn her book so that she can read and know all about the places which she would like to visit. Father hopes they ^{all} his little Kitty ^{to} play Hoopla some times, and play in the front yard in good weather. Tell Sue she must give Kitty a good hearty kiss for her Father, and also to little Willie.

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