

City of Washington Dec<sup>r</sup> 30 1904  
half past 11. O.C. P.M.

Dear Brother,

I have this Instant rec<sup>d</sup>: your favor of the <sup>24</sup>  
and am glad to hear that Mama is recovered from her Illness  
and hope that Sister is also recovered from her cold by this time  
I wrote you this day given you some account of an  
affair off Trijoly. I made a mistake it was not Mr.  
Mead - it was Mr. Israel who was blown up -  
Judge Chan has arrived in The City this afternoon to  
take his Trial which commences Wednesday next the  
Vice President has been very busy in making arrangements  
in the Senate Room he has ordered a new  
Gallery to be made on purpose for the Ladies and  
has had the opinion of several of the Ladies of the  
Heads of Departments who was so kind as to attend  
on him in the Senate Room Gallansted by him  
to the place for the purpose, purpose he was -  
however somewhat at a stand last Saturday  
upon hearing that the Judge was confined with the  
Gout in Matrimony added to the observations  
of some who feared not to approve of all the  
preparations for to be seen they are on a large  
scale considering all things. he therefore stopped  
the workmen saying they had mistaken his intentions,  
what will now be done I know not but

Joseph the Works will commence afresh with  
the New Year. perhaps they are now at Work  
as they will have much to do in a short time  
to be in complete readiness - the Senate has  
sat for several days in one of the Committee  
Rooms - it will be a great disappointment if  
his plan should be interrupted on the day of  
trial which is ~~as~~ I have said next Wednesday  
- I believe it is very true that Twelve of the  
Republican Senators have signed a Memorial  
or something like it to Governor Bloomfield  
to stay proceedings against the Vice President  
You are very much mistaken when you  
think he is condemned for the part he took  
in the duel with Genl. Hammett that very  
act is approved by many who say he is  
a persecuted man and therefore take no  
notice of him the Liberator. he is a master  
piece at intrigue and knows how work to  
advantage he does not appear to take any par-  
ticular notice of the Federators but is very  
attentive to every Republican particularly  
those who are any way friendly to him  
What will be the result of all this I know  
not time much and will report the pro-

Sueb January. Nothing -

The Attorney-General has resigned and he has  
received a letter from the President which I have  
seen it is like Mr. Jefferson a polite friendly  
complimentary and beautiful letter - who will  
supply his place is not known -

I will write you the proceedings and result  
of Judge Chase's trial - and will send  
you Drums Annual Register if to be had  
and as it is now past 12. O'clock you  
find have been writing to you from  
one year to another therefore give  
you Joy of the present and wish you  
many happy years and for the  
perfect good Night or rather  
good morning as you aff! - Brother

L. Van Cortlandt

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