

My Dear Father

Not having quite
as much headact as usual
this evening I thought I
would have a little talk
with you about the war
you think it is all right
I know, and that appears
to be the universal opinion
there is nothing else talked
of or thought of here the
stars and crumpled, the stars
& strips, are floating from every
public building & troops are
marching about in every
direction a number of them
left this evening for Washington

and more to morrow, the
greatest enthusiasm prevails
even the church bells, chime
the National Airs, Glass
has just had a new set of
chimes, sixteen bells, and every
afternoon they play (Hail
Columbia) The Star Spangled
Banner, & Yankee Doodle on
them. - I received a letter
from Annie to day she said
Kate had a great deal of
Neuralgia the day she went
to Greenland. I feel quite
anxious to hear how she
is. - Cousin Eliza & Eddie
have gone to Cambridge for
a day or two, & Hattie Garrison
& I are keeping house the
Dr is home, he is all for
war. I expect to return
the lot of Mary Cousin Eliza
is coming with me she
will stop a week or

Month or so though before
she comes up to Spring
Haw is the I had fishing
coming on I. Gaily pleasure
to read me the Spring
paper while I was away but
I have received but one.
Give my love to Kate & Eliza
Hattie also deserves her love.

Yours affectionately
Daughter I am

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Mrs.