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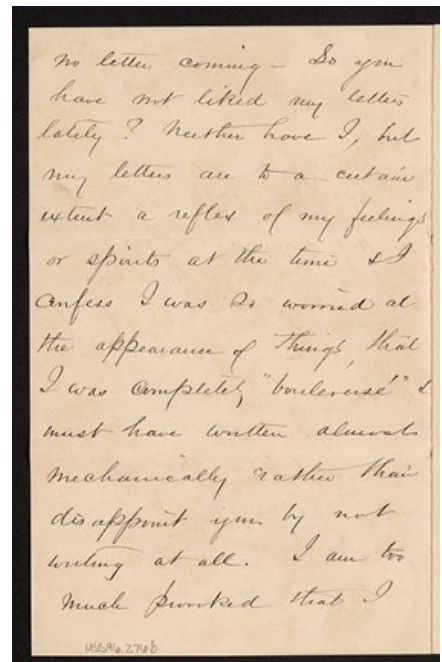
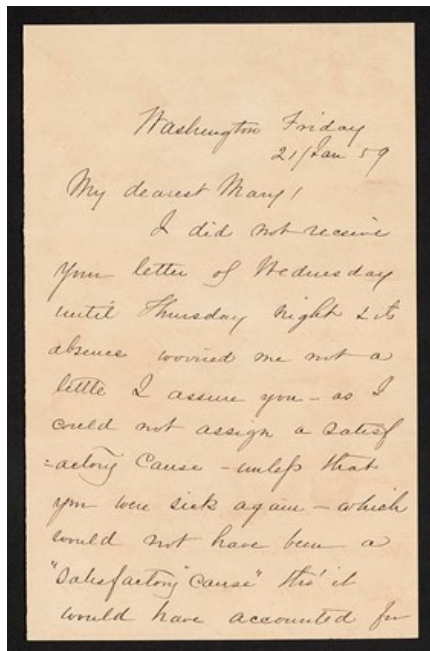
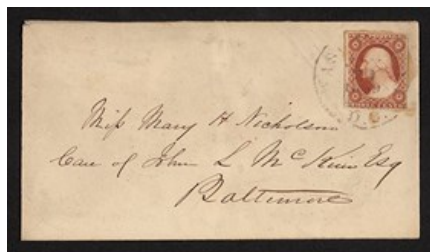
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5/ They go at one to the
Harbor for his health. I
have another piece of news to
tell & that is that my
Jolly friend Miss Mary Bright
is engaged to Mr Lammerton
Riggs, a widower & brother
of George Riggs of Riggs Co
He will get a very fine
wife as she is a good
amiable girl with enough
character to make fine
woman. I was at the
Piccolomini Concert last

night & enjoyed it greatly.
She is certainly charming
as a woman if not as
great a contralto - her
voice is not extraordinary.
She is coming to see the
President on Monday.

You must not forget
to tell me if you are going
with your friends to the
next Baltimore Assembly.

I have just received
your letter & I feel like
giving you a right

good scolding for the
first part of your letter
- could you not have
imagined that the hard
facts & conclusions in
that "last long letter" would
have had some effect upon
me?

That newspaper
abstract is certainly very
funny -

I hope soon to
have the pleasure of being
presented to your friends
the young ladies - they

certainly do not seem
to me as strangers & I
trust that they will
not look upon me as
such. I present my respectful
compliments to them - if I
may take the liberty on so
infrequently a acquaintance

But I must close
dearest.

Your affectionate
Wm

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will not be able to go to see you on Saturday & I will tell you the cause - Count Sartys has gotten up a dinner which he says was for Miss Lane & Mr Craig a Saturday night - Miss Lane cannot go, so Mr Craig of course has to go & I have to go as her escort as she is a guest at this house - I saw at once that there was no escape for me & that I had better yield unto as good a grain as

possible at once - this is a specimen of the sort of life I have here - I am now my own master. I will either have to wait until to-morrow a week or else if you prefer it Darling I can run over some evening & stay 'til next morning which would be perfectly short. I suppose you have heard of all the news of Miss Minnie Wood's marriage to Mr Poyer yesterday morning at 7 o'clock!!

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Description:

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson apologizing for not having written on the 1st but he was busy preparing and attending the Diplomatic and Public reception with all the military men in uniform; Napoleon looked especially sharp; at midnight the "great unwashed" were allowed in; after 2 a.m. Mrs. Craig and he visited about 12 people and he drank too much; Captain Ingraham was at Sartige's party even though he can't stand mourning, but the girls looked good in black; Miss Emily will visit the girl's soon and Mary Hagner Nicholson's mother will visit Washington soon; Dr. Dan had not been in Annapolis lately, leading James Buchanan Henry to surmise that all was well in the Nicholson family; has agreed to be Mr. Scharff's groomsman and implores him to save his money; thinks her cousin Phil Vorhees is very accommodating and won't "trespass " on his goodness often; wishes to know what she did on New Year's Day and thanks her for "returning" Mr. Scharff to him. Washington, D.C.

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People: Craig, Elizabeth Church
Hagner, Daniel Randall
Henry, James Buchanan
Ingraham, Duncan Nathaniel
Napoleon III, Emperor of the French
Henry, Mary Hagner Nicholson
Scharff, Christian Henry
Vorhees, Phil
Sartiges, Eugene de
Nicholson, Eliza Ann Hagner

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Letters

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Washington Jan 5 1859

My own sweet darling!

You do not know how sorry I was my own scribble but that I could not write to you on Saturday - but being New Years day I was in such a whirl in getting things ready for our Diplomatic & Public Reception that I scarcely had time to breathe - still I thought of you & wrote & felt so sorry

for I was afraid you would be disappointed but I felt comforted when I reflected that my own Darling's considerations would see her not to expect to hear from me that day.

The diplomatic corps in their Court dresses looked very well & it was a handsome sight - young Bonaparte was with them - he is a splendid looking fellow & was in his uniform of a Chasseur d'Afrique.

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make her appearance then the they had nothing further from her. I saw to Dan last evening & was surprised to find that he had not been down to Annapolis as I expected - I conjecture from that all hands must be getting better & am rejoiced at the inference - will you go to Baltimore before you start for Washington?

I have written to Schuff

that I will be his groomsmen & that as I shall see him so soon he had better not spend his money coming on to see me, as he will soon have heard of it all - can I not a prudent & considerate young man to thus depend myself of the pleasure of seeing him for his own good?

I have taken the liberty of writing a note to your Cousin Phil Forbes to day in some

business - I hope it will not
 inconvenience them - but an
 obliging that I do not like to
 be pass more than necessary on
 his goodness.

What in the world did
 you do with yourself in New
 Jersey - tell me all about
 it - I must thank you
 dearest Mamma for your kind
 little note of Friday relating
 one Mr Schuff - he is a
 treasure & you will find him so.

This weather looks like
 snow - will we have it in
 earnest? I fear not - I like it
 for it looks so cheap.

God bless you my own
 darling -
 Your ever affectionate
 W.B.H.

at 11 1/2 o'clock the Army & Navy
 officers were received in uniform &
 at 12 precisely the great gates were
 thrown open & in rushed the
 "great unwashed" - this phrase is
 strictly between ourselves as it
 would ruin me were it known
 that I spoke thus of the untried
 democracy. After I elude when
 our reception closed I went
 around with Mr Craig & called
 upon about a dozen people
 & drank nearly a dozen glasses.

a beverage compounded of eggs
 & - kept kindly knows the name.
 The day was horrible under
 foot - I told you I think
 that Capt Ingraham was at
 Sarge's party - he cannot stand
 morning - I saw the girls
 last night - black is so
 becoming to all of them - they
 expect Mrs King soon - they
 mentioned the 10th as the time
 for your mother to come &
 supposed Mrs King would

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