

Annapolis

Thursday

My darling Lulie,

I arrived all right in Annapolis yesterday morning & found Jessie and the house all right & things at the packing house about as usual.

I stopped in Phila from 1 o'clock [sic] until 6 P.M. & then went to Balt where I arrived at 10 P.M. I went to the Carrollton & spent the night leaving for Annapolis at 7 the next morning.

I had hoped to get a letter this morning written on Wednesday but I suppose it will come this evening. I sincerely trust that you are on as well as when I left & that the dear little chip is flourishing & growing friendly Miss Mary [?] would tell me all about him & his doings even in his [?] yet every bumble wings the dear boy. I am so glad that I could [? ?] with you & see you safely & happily through your troubles, my dearest Lulie.

I have shown your dear picture and it is very [?] & desired & Mrs. Magruder was very much pleased with hers.

There is no great news here at present last night there was a [?] at the [?] to which none of the town ladies were invited & [? ?] there were charades at the [?] to which most of the town ladies were present to the uncommissioned officers of the Academy came to the charades -- funny!.

All hands gave me their congratulations and asked what the baby is like [line faded] & Miss Mason was married to Lieut. Col Lessing in a church wedding & [text faded] so it was us, the rest of the Mason family [text faded] spend the winter in Europe.

All the [banks?] here seem to be flourishing all there [text faded] and of in the summer.

The leaves were charming & the weather very lovely & soft – like not handsome leaves.

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Johnny Randall & his brother in law [sic] will go with me to Currituck about 15 Nov—
good & pleasant company.

I had a letter from Dody saying that he was pleased to hear of the account of his small
brother. I think I will send him one of your pictures.

Give my best love to your Aunt & Miss Proudfoot – tell her I took the letter myself to the
Academy the day I arrived. I [text faded] is all right again.

Your affec JBH

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