

Jay Street

Monday 11 oc [29 Dec 1884]

My dearest Loulie,

The visiting cards which I forgot arrived safely about an hour ago – best thanks.

I arrived safely at Albany about 4:30 & and the good luck to meet Mr. Phelps very near the station or else I should have had some some [sic] trouble in hunting up his residence. They all have been as kind & hospitable as possible & I am very comfortably fixed. The family consists of Mr. P his wife a very nice person of about 40 very gentle & kind tho' not pretty – Miss Annie & two younger daughters – nothing can exceed their kindness & attention to me. [?] the house a nice & strong brick in a good location near the Capitol. He has taken me on a walk all around the City to see the buildings & we went to hear Bishop [?] in the morning & the Dutch Reformed Ch in the evening – I was disappointed with Bishop D & dont [sic] think he has the ability of the other Bishop, I had heard preach or read – he reads very fast in a sing song way in the service. On Sat. evening we went to the Capitol & Mr. P introduced me to the President-elect he received me very kindly & we had a few minutes of talk about Washington etc. – he told me he would not go there before the time for inauguration – he has a tired & I think care worn expression. Mr. P in introducing me spoke of my having been Private Secretary & nephew of Prest Buchanan. I told him that it gave me sincere pleasure to great another Democrat President after 25 year democratic defeat. He thanked me & then a few commonplace remarks, I took my leave. The books I thought I would have Mr. P place in the hands of his Sec'y as my letter speaks for itself – In the Governors room Mr. Andrews who [sic] we met at Hillside & who is Superintendent of public buildings came up & greeted me in a very friendly [?]. So tell Jamie & Will that I shook hands with President Cleveland – you know he was incredulous about my going to see him. I shall try & see Mr. & Mrs. des Sayelles today, if I can find them.

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I suppose I will go tomorrow morning at 8 to Caldwell arriving there at 1:40 & will leave there next morning spending 2 hours at G Falls & arriving at New York about 9 PM -- & if not too tired I will go out to G City by 12¹⁵ train.

I trust you are all well & that Anne is herself again – it is foggy & warm here this morning & will probably be mild for a few days.

With much love to you & the boys – Your affectionate husband

JBH

All here has inquired very kindly for you & the boys.

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