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My Darling.

I could not write to you yesterday tho' I wanted to very much -- so you must excuse me -- besides perhaps, your little letter of 2 ½ pages was not much substance to live upon for nearly a week -- you know my appetite is keen & you can easily imagine that I am very hungry, nay nearly famished on so small an allowance as you vouchsafed me in your last letter. So pray be more abundant in your "largesses" tomorrow & give me enough to exist upon comfortably for the ensuing week. I suppose you are having such a nice time with your charming friends in Baltimore that you would almost forget your Washington friends (?) did they not keep you in mind of them by main force -- such for example as writing you long 6 & 8 page letters every day nearly in the week & such other striking attentions -- but pray do not let the "follies & vanities" of the world in the gay metropolis of Balto so absorb your mind as to include older or more homely claims -- Providence permitting I shall go on to Balto on Saturday afternoon & I think my friend Scharff will so far modify his plans as to stop at Barnums with me until Monday morning -- when would you like to call upon them tell me in your letter -- they will be both very anxious to see you I assure you. If you think of it you must drink their health on Thursday at 12 o'clock that is the hour. I have promised to do it. What a happy man he ought to be -- so near the goal of his happiness here on earth!

Are you aware that our friend Miss Bright is to be married on the 24th of February -- the wedding will be small -- about 150 - & [?] will their soon remove to New York & subside -- this is of course "entre nous" -- he told me as we are very old & good friends.

Have you been flirting with your friend Randolph- I must set my friend Magraw on the track to find out -- you know his skills so look out_ & remember the reciprocal (sic) privileges you are bound to secure for me -- do you recollect?

There was a small party last night at at [sic] Com Wilkes' it was a sort of tea fight & I did not go -- I called to see Miss Emily yesterday Evening but she was getting ready for the Wilkes & I did not see her -- she is to go out in sheer pity on poor Cap Ingraham so do not be surprised to hear that she is at all the parties. I go to night to one at Mrs Grims & on Thursday to Lady Napires farewell -- By the by won't you & your good friends the Misses McBains come down to the great Ball to be given by the "high fulutins" [sic] here to Lord & Lady Napires in February if I have invitations sent to you? It will be by all odds the affair of the season -- Please tell me about his either by letter or when I see you.

You must always give me your good mothers news when you hear from her & send her my love when you write.

But I must say good bye -- & will only say in parting -- pray to write me a line or two tomorrow & oblige.

Yours affectionately
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Miss Mary Hagnet Nicholson

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