

Washington 19th Wednesday

My dearest Mary/

As I was prevented from writing to you yesterday I will take to day instead to have a little morning chat. I heard from your father since his return how much better you were & how easily your sickness yielded to the proper remedies so that I can now congratulate you myself. I hope that you will soon be entirely restored to that great blessing health. What day do you think you will go over to Baltimore – I hope you do not overestimate your strength in going so soon my dearest?

I was at a very pleasant party at Com Wilkes on Monday night – I think one of the pleasantest of the season. Your Uncle Dan was there & flirting like anything with Miss Scott – who seems to be a very nice girl – I think she is quite willing to meet him half way if he chooses to push his fortunes in that direction. Who will be your Aunt – Miss Kennedy, Miss McKim or Miss Scott & I had almost forgotten Miss Lieta. I am sorely puzzled to guess which will eventually overpower him by her charms. Which think you?

We are having most enchanting weather for the past week as pleasant almost as Autumn - & as I saw an old Lake George friend yesterday & had a talk over our pleasant hours there, it made me almost wish myself there once more.

I have not written to or heard from Mr. Scharff for a couple of weeks & I must write soon or he will think me a heathen & justly – to morrow a week he will be very happy as he deserves to be. I hear of a great many of our mutual friends that are going to his wedding – I expect to see him here by Saturday if he is married on Thursday – I would give anything if I could be with him tho' I fear I cannot – my only hope is that I might have to go on to Phila & New York to be admitted to the Supreme Court – I do hope it may become a necessity for me to do so.

You must give me your exact address at Miss McKim's at Baltimore.

Hoping to have a good long letter from you this evening, I remain my dearest
Mary –

Your affectionate
JBH

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