

Annapolis Monday

My very dear wife,

I have no letter this morning from S I but will look for it to night [sic].

We have decided not to leave Annapolis until Saturday as several of the party wish to be here for the week for the theatricals on Thursday & the week of the [?] write on Wednesday so we will go through the bay on Saturday night from Balto getting to the folks on Sunday morning you [two words faded, don't you? We will spend Sunday in Norfolk & leave by the little steamboat for Currituck on Monday at 6:30 A.M., an early start. We ought to be there at dark of same day & we have the promise of good rooms tho' it may be necessary to sleep 4 in a room which is not so pleasant to contemplate. If the shooting is bad I shall leave there for Norfolk on the following Friday (21<sup>st</sup>) & get to Norfolk to Sunday. If not & the shooting is good I will probably stay until Tuesday following & get to NY by the Dominion line on 26<sup>th</sup>.

I must now [word faded] of Mrs. Magruder [word faded] Sunday eve. She was alone in the house & writing a letter to you. [Six lines faded] she managed to crawl over to the Liltons (next door). The doctor pronounced no bones broken, but a serious sprain she had to be helped into her house & a bed made for her in the parlor & there she remains. I fear she will be crippled for a good while & as she has so much to do in her little family, it is very bad.

Now [three words] to nurse—I have enlisted all the ladies in looking for me & I think in a day or two I will have someone for you. I have heard of one or two highly recommended black nurses, but I could not say about a black nurse until write [sic] you – Mrs. Southgate [says?] she prefers & always has them as they are very effective [words faded] Balto order is sometimes a great [words faded] Let me know [words faded] know what to offer in that point [words faded]

I long to see my dear wife and baby again & want you back ever so much. I called on BP & Mr. Odenheur on Saturday –he is in bad health I fear.

We have no special news of any kind. I believe –the girls went to the [?] on Saturday night & as usual seemed to enjoy it greatly. Jesse goes on Saturday & says she is going down to see you & the baby.

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As soon as you want your money for clothing or otherwise, write me or send the bills to me as you prefer.

I am troubled a little with dyspepsia at the whole am pretty well.

Give kindest to Miss Magruder & all.

Your loving husband

JBH

P. S. Please ask your father to let me know some statistics of the 1<sup>st</sup> year's operation of your Savings Bank -- How many deposits 1<sup>st</sup> year—Amount of those deposits! How soon they could they pay expenses! & any other information.

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