

Washington Tuesday

My darling Mary,

How de do! Today I commence my first letter under the new regime. I managed to get up & off from the city of the Severn in good time yesterday & arrived here about 8 ½ finding all right during my absence. I have not been very well since my return but have taken a very little medicine & will have no more trouble – I trust that you have not suffered from our last walk on Sunday night it would be a pity after so pleasant a time – I remember these walks with so much real pleasure. I had such a pleasant visit this last one to Annapolis – more delightful if possible than any of the former ones.

The President will return on Thursday or Friday evening as he writes me that he will leave Bedford on Wednesday or Thursday morning & it takes 2 days to come. I saw Cap. Ingraham for a few minutes yesterday – he expects the girls back to day I think he told me with Major Hagner.

I had a letter from Mr. Scharff yesterday in which he sent the kindest messages to you. His cherie amie has been very ill since he was here. Your forgot to give me the message you were thinking of to send Mr. Scharff –

I am so glad that to-morrow is the day for your dear little missive to arrive.

The Queen's telegraph message has not yet come – I am quite curious to see it – as it will inaugurate the use of the Ocean Cable.

Goodbye for to day, my dearest Mary & believe me ever

Your loving & devoted

JBH

