

Washington City

Wednesday [1858]

My dearest Maimie/

I am glad to be able to tell you this morning that I am myself again – quite well and at my business in the office – it will take me a day or two to get properly in harness again after so much “tripping about” the country. Were it not for the contrast of work we would not enjoy our play so much – this idea always consoles me for the momentary struggle when I have to give up pleasure for a season. Do you know Maimie I have a fever blister or some sort of little thing on my lower lip – from such a sweet source I would be willing to take any number as the penalty. I shall keep it for a few days as a memento of the delightful hours I enjoyed on my last visit to my own dear Mary.

I did not go to town at all yesterday but stayed at home to try to nurse myself well – Uncle returned from Wheatland yesterday evening in company with our friend Bob Magraw – he will stay with us for a couple of days. I found all at home pretty much as I left it with the addition of Misses Macalester of Phila. These two maidens kept old maid’s Hall from Friday till my arrival. I had a good time – sleeping till 8 or 9 o'clock [sic]- the President would be horrified if he knew that you know we are all up when he is with us & at breakfast by 7 o’clock. I shall be glad when Congress meets & the Season begins – as this will be my last at Washington. I shall have a good deal to do – besides I shall have to devote as much of my leisure time as I can to studying New York law so as to be ready to begin my practice in May.

Cap. Ingraham was up to see me a few minutes this morning – he reports the ladies all well. I shall call to see them the first spare time I have. Have you received any more news from the ‘run-aways’ yet. I am so anxious to hear what your good sister has to say about the lake. I shall be sadly disappointed if she is not pleased. This is your day for writing, dearest & I shall welcome your kind little messenger so cordially – and much love to your dear kind mother who [sic] I like more and more the oftener I see her & also to the Col. I remain ever your affectionate

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