

Annapolis  
Saturday

My darling wife,

I was made glad of receiving your welcome letter this morning, tho' I shall only have time to write you a short letter before the mail closes as I have been very busy this morning sending off the 15000 cases [1 lb] I sold the other day & which had to be shipped to New York today. No such good luck yet, as disposing of all our goods & having nothing to do as you suppose possible – we have yet about 2000 cases 1 lb & 1500 cases 2 lbs & I shall be rejoiced if we work these off the summer at fair prices.

I had a very sanguine letter from Mr. Parker dated at St. Louis in July but nothing has reached me since – tho' I suppose he will write in a few days saying when he will be back – I dont [sic] expect him here before Saturday or Monday next.

I am so sorry about dear Dody's music – his reason was very funny certainly for my being particular about his spelling – I am so glad he is having a nice time & for which I am sincerely obliged to you all & I am sure to your mother especially,

Dr. & Mrs. [Murray] Cheston arrived last night & she is to stay for the Summer, so I suppose that means that she is to be added to the list of young married ladies who are to make their husbands happy in that way -- the other I spoke of was Mrs. Com'der Schley – all about some time I believe – Sep't or Oct – which seems a favorite month does it not?

I told Bridget to write to Elizabeth Dodys [sic] old nurse who lives in NY & tell her of his presence in S I – she was perfectly devoted to Dody for five years & a most admirable & valuable woman – I hope she got the letter & has been to see him – She was English – if you see her perhaps she could put you on the track of a valuable child's nurse, she is now a sage femme among the poor in Cherry St, N.Y.

We have had no rain for 2 weeks again – tho' cool delightful weather for past week & no [?] thus far—the 75 degree weather in our room morning; evening & night 72 degrees.

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Little Mary and John take breakfast alternately with me every morning.

Everybody inquires very kindly after you –

Com'der Parker [sic] son and young wife are on a visit [to them?].

With love to you and dear Do & longing to see you [\again dear little wife,  
believe me

Your aff, husband  
JBH

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