

Friday night. 10 o'clock.  
Night 10 o'clock.

Night Annapolis City  
July 21<sup>st</sup> 1871.

My dear friend -

Much to our  
pleasure, we received, tonight  
your welcome letter of 19<sup>th</sup> inst.  
We had wondered why we had  
not heard from you - never having  
received your letter written from  
Sea Grove - I was very much  
surprised to hear you were  
ordered off so soon - I thought  
you were to have four months leave?  
why did you not?

We have having delightful  
ly cool weather here for the season  
tonight is very cool, a fire would  
not feel altogether uncomfortable.