

I started that night, and arrived
in Boston Saturday night, but
could go no further, till Sunday
night, when I took a train
which took me within 15 miles
of Newburyport, and I rode
that distance at night in a
buggy, and awful cold!

Got there at 10 at night, and
they ~~are~~^{were} glad to see me, more
so as they did not know I was
coming.

Did not get here till Thursday
morning December 2^d, but
as I am ordered to a regiment
and she is not in commission
nothing was said to me.

I am still living at the
Hotel, in fact we have a
rather easy life

I did not expect my aches so
soon, but this trouble has
called everyone away from
home. - I would like to go
to China, for it is only a vex-
ation to be here. - Affairs
look dark in the West, - and
she threatens all sorts of things
nor will she consent to a divorce
I am in hopes however that
she will change her mind
in another year passes

If she does not I shall then
proceed and try my luck.

I do not care to marry again
but I do wish to be free
from one who acknowledges
that our marriage was a
mockery! - I am in hopes
that she will fall in love with