

Washington Aug 5th 1847

My dear husband

I know you are wishing to receive a letter
so here it is. in the first place we arrived safe at the junction
and partook of a very nice breakfast for which our kind hostess
would not take any pay in a short time the cars came and we
were on our way to Washington. as soon as the cars stopped I
saw Isaac looking out for us he proceeded us a horse and
we were soon at Aunt Smith's door where we were received
with all the kindness and affection that we could possibly
wish and the day passed very pleasant Miss Miller and Miss
Holland spent the day and in the afternoon two other ladies came
and spent the evening Mrs Brown and Mrs Fossett called
and gave me a pressing invitation to ~~see~~ see them we also
took little walk out went to the patent office but did
not visit the Green house as we did not stay long but will
go again. The fish I brought was indeed a great treat dear old
Aunt did enjoy them so much I was almost afraid she would
make herself sick. Our dear little ^{son} is very well ~~we~~ and is much
pleased and behaves very well I have bought him a hat also one
for our other dear little son Martin. Tell dear Ann Maria that
I gave cousin Mary her present which she received with many
thanks. I suppose our dear son James has returned home and is as
merry as ever. ~~See~~ my dear Elizabeth she must take a great deal
of care of my dear ^{the} little wax doll as well as the rest of them.
I did not go to church this morning as I over slept my self loosing
so much sleep the night before I left home. I suppose was the
cause of it. Tell dear mother that Aunt sends her love to her
I went to see cousin Ellen and she looks the picture of distress.
I think I never saw so great a change in any one she seems to