

Annapolis Md.

My beloved Eliza: Sunday evening Sept. 3rd 1848

I will not so soon after your departure, harass you with a long tedious letter - I will merely touch such affairs as I think will most interest you for the present. Well, yesterday evening after taking an affectionate leave of you all at the Cars, I succeeded in reaching home about half past five O'Clock! "Oh! Father, I thought you had gone to the junction," was the ready exclamation of our dear daughters as soon as I stepped into the office. I soon perceived, however, that they had not been idle whilst I was gone - for the office, kitchen and yard ^{was} all neatly cleaned up and put to rights. We closed up the house a little before 9 O'Clock - united in family prayer. The two little girls (not so very little either) took their own bed, Theodore his grandmother's room and I our own bed - we all slept soundly. I was roused pretty early by a rap at the door. I thought it was rather early for the servant girl - so down I went with my big coat thrown around me - and behold who should it be but Kitty - who had come up to see about the bread. I returned to my room, dressed and roused the girls from their profound morning slumbers. They obeyed, and had a good breakfast of Coffee, bread butter and some nicely fried lean dried beef. We all enjoyed it very much - occasionally speculating as how you were all and each employed just about that time. Daughters Eliza and myself repaired to the Church - had prayers