

very best respects; his ~~mother~~ Mother, also wishes to be remembered;

There is an election—or rather a farce—to come off on Wednesday. Ben. Harris, of your county is running for congress, but I don't suppose he, or any of the ticket, will be elected, as soldiers are to be stationed at all the Polls, and an oath administered ~~to~~ to every Democrat before he can vote. I think it outrageous. The people of Maryland have had to put up with numerous indignities, but this is worse than all; is this always to last! are we never to be free again! truly, the meanest slave has more freedom than we: but I hope and pray, that Maryland will be free again, her sons cannot always submit to such tyranny, and I feel, that they will not, they are too proud for that.

I suppose you have heard there is an army hospital established

here? the once Naval School is now filled with sick and wounded, as also is the Colledge buildings. There is also a camp, for Paroles, a few miles from the city; but there are few soldiers there now; about six-hundred left here, a few days ago, in a Steamer; and I have heard since, that they had been exchanged, and were on their way to Tennessee. you would not know our city now, were ~~you~~ you to see it; there is such a change; many of our old citizens have died, and several that you knew; Mrs Nancy Holland, Mrs Glover, and my dear Grandpa. The first named, have been dead some time, but Gpa. has not been dead a month yet; he died on the 4th of Oct. of pneumonia. it was quite an unexpected blow to us; he was sick but one short week.

Ma was very much pleased, to hear you thought so much of her, as