

flourishing under its rule.

My County did badly this time according to my notion. Yet it was a sectional thing altogether on the State ticket. She was victorious. Enough of Politics.

I am afraid I will fall from your good graces by disappointing you so often. I will not be able to come to Annapolis Thanksgiving. When I made the promise I was not aware an approaching marriage of two cousins of mine was so near at hand. The Lady is in the City now & I expect ~~my~~ the Gentleman up on Thursday. He will only remain in town one day and night, then he goes to Howard Co. on a visit to his brother who is living up there. So if I don't see him

Thursday I will not see him at all. They will not be married until the 15th - but he will be out of the City. I am sure my excuse is a plausible one and I know you will forgive me for breaking my promise. I have not seen Miss Lizzie Davis yet. I asked Jimmie Sands a few nights ago had he seen her. He said he had not, did not know where to find her. I have not been to see Mr. D. either, will do so the first opportunity. Miss May Leslie had no right to rob you of the good opinion you had formed. That I had settled to be a quiet old bachelor, I don't know what I could have done - to make her think me a flirt. Well I think she was mistaken in that, I will not wantonly inflict pain & a flirt will