reached me on Tuesday. Had I not better go to Annie Perots to stay Christmas eve on account of the children being at Mrs Buckley's or had I better just go for the evening and send Ellen back to Pully's with the children. I am afraid she will be disappointed at not getting out that evening. The whole of this neighborhood has been ~~at~~ in a great state of excitement about the colored people but none of our friends have participated in it indeed they all laugh at the idea of there being any cause for uneasiness but ~~they have~~ there has been a troop formed and they intend to keep a sharp watch at night. We had a visit from some of them not long ago for the purpose of searching our quarters, which they pretended to do but did not make a thorough search and did not go to all. And the only thing they succeeded in doing was making the servants very angry. I dont know when I have seen them one and all so indignant I believe that they would have been ready to go to Liberia or any where so as to get away from the influence of slavery.

But I will tell you all about it when I see you. Aunt Sally sends much love to you and told me to thank you for your letter. Mrs Murray is coming to spend the day with me next Saturday. I wish it were over most sincerely and shall not be sorry if it rains. But now I must say good bye I will send the measure for Cornelia's tucker in this if I can get any thing to measure it with it is so dark I can see no more

Much very much love to all of you as if individually mentioned

And believe me dear Mother

Your most affec daughter

Mary H. Murray