seems quite bright and like himself. The girls are well and have cleaned the whole house beautifully, indeed, I have great reason to be obliged to them for their faithfulness. All the carpets are down, also, except the dining-room, parlour and stair carpets, and those I will get a man to put down, they are too heavy for the girls, and they have done enough. Jane went down to Solitude last afternoon for the butter and found Bettie not very well, having been in bed all day, so Cousin Caroline would not let her come home until Saturday. Cousin Henry is still absent. If it does not rain, I intend going down to see them this afternoon and will also, stop in 8th St. Cousin Caroline sent us a loaf of her beautiful bread and they had got some of Joseph Rhoads' butter for me, for which I was particularly glad, as I had nothing to give the Dr. for tea, last night but hot bread and butter and tea.

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I am writing a few lines to tell you how we are doing, though I have much more interesting accounts from the Dr. The journey was very comfortable, very much beguiled to me, while on the boat, by Cousin Caspar reading aloud from the London Quarterly Review. We reached Baltimore in plenty of time to drive to the cars as they did not leave the ½ past 5 o'clock, in fact there was a quarter of an hour to spare, which was spent in the car getting well warmed,