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our city office 8½ A.M. March 14th inst.
indicating that it had been safely
stowed in the pocket of some one even
since last monday. – As Henry Carey had
left Balt on Saturday he is blameless; and
as Jesse Tyson would most probably have
left it at Christens if he had not delivered it
here himself I am at a loss to whom care
to attribute its safety – I had not known
till to day that you had been subjected
to the discomforts of going to the Steamboat
in the storm on Saturday; but had given
credit to your own or Galloways prudence
or Hers, instead for your detention. The fact
course justifies my apprehensions that
the gale would make the trip dangerous.
I endeavoured to realize that wherever you
were you were in the hands of a Merciful
Father who can make all things work for
good to them who love Him. We none of us
know what may be before us, compared to
which tempests & wrecks might be much
to be preferred. Let us cleave closely to Jesus
in whom only is safety and peace –
Dear Emily has once exercised herself day
standing one day at Solitude & another
at Mr Nicolars. This morning the weather very
uncomfortable – but the rest of the day
has relieved her so that to night she seems
pretty well again. She had intended Henry
Carey to stay with Galloway but I believe
Mrs Gall insists on his not leaving her – The
young people think he is taken by Miss
Turnpenny – They are all well at Hobkins
Mrs Sonderbank leaves there on Saturday.
Polly had a letter from Robert announcing
that he should leave for home on
the 1st of March. So that we may look for
him & Mrs Murray here in about a
fortnight or so. I had written but had
not mailed my letter. Sunday morning.

As I open my shutters the cold wind and snowy
covering of roofs & pavements reminds one of the
depth of winter. and the weather and I presume
aggravate the sickness still prevalent in the
City. The news of the morning presents no hope of any
speedy adjustment of the disturbance of the Nation.
I am more deeply & firmly convinced than ever
before, of the utter insufficiency of human wisdom
and power to cope with the raging elements –
Even amid the gloom which such convictions
must produce I should be peaceful if I were
sure of being on the Lord's side. He must triumph
and will reign, and those who are on His side
shall partake of His joy & see His glory. Let
me entreat my dear wife and children
to be found ever looking to Jesus as the