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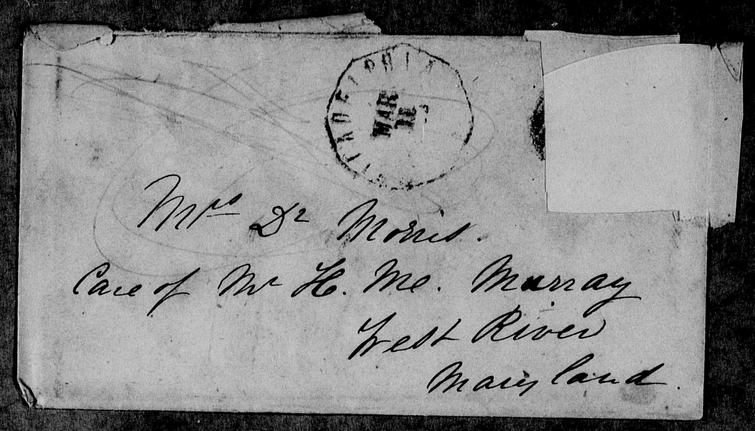

as Baltimore, reported the children to have taken naps in the car before reaching Havre de Grace & they were ready for the transit. I did not see them until this morning, as he was too busy, after his return, to come home to dinner and a tea company at Mrs Reed's kept him later in the evening and I was snug in bed. Cousin Caspar kindly took tea with me last evening, and spent greater part of the evening here. This morning he paid me a professional visit, and promised to come to tea, if possible. It grieves me to trouble him so much with my ailments, but he tells me I must try to do my best to be well, for I know his love sincerely desires that for me and asks no other recompense. After you left on Thursday, I wrote a letter, rested, had an early dinner to give Jane a holiday, & afternoon out, then wrote another letter, went to church at St Mark's for five o'clock service, joined Becky White and went home with her to tea, got home by ten. Yesterday, as usual, I had been scribbling some time and had lain down on the sofa to rest, when Patty came into the room. She said she had recovered from her cold and I have not seen her look so well and appear in such bright spirits since she came back from N. York. To be sure, she had on her bonnet, and the air was fresh, which probably gave her more colour, but she was in capital spirits. After a little general conversation she said she wished to ask me about the seats at Dr Venton's, that a remark had been made to her the other day about its being "mean" in her to use my seats and she wanted to know if I had given them up, as she did not