has asked for it while really surprises me — you can
glad to hear I have a prospect of getting through the
engagements I have made — the Cabriole sold yester
day for $90 — which I hope will leave a very trifle for
me to make up — at any rate it cannot be more than
$20 — and I shall think it getting off very easy if I
redeem both horses for that & the $35 I have already
paid on them — but for the debts that pressed on me
I should have done very well — they have deprived
me of every dollar — but I thank God we have ex
cellent health and have never yet actually wanted
I have paid Genl Smith half the cost of the pearls
over he so kindly sent me and am by degrees getting
my through — I think Fanny may be convinced that
economy & punctual management will do a great
deal — I wish he could employment of any kind
for idleness will never make him a virtuous man —
he read your letter & I by a time to write to you — but
he puts it off & says he intends to, shortly when
he hopes to tell you he has a situation in the Custom
House" — I do not expect such good luck —

I sent in to day & got you a pattern of Black
Circassian — 50cts a yard — it came from T. B Harris
& Sons — There are others 37½ — but inferior — you must
sponge it in a wet sheet as they do cloth and it looks
nearly as well as Bombazine or Merino — the children's
frocks are beautiful 31½cts — you have equipped them
very handsomely & as usual I must be debtor —

William Rawle breakfasted with us on Monday — he expres
sed great regret at not seeing you all — but he was very
sick & confined to the house almost constantly while
here — he told me how matters stood just as Mr Lippi
nacott says — Ben Chew surely ought to be flogged — his
conduct is unbearable — Williams says, that tho' Mr Binney
thinks he could never have the impudence to bring the
suit — William knows him well — & declares he will do any
thing — I cannot understand why it is necessary to go to
the Chancery Court about the house — no explain it —
I sent to Mrs Brice to inquire Emily Hopkinson name
but she did not know — Eliza sent word she would
inquire & write this evening — Mrs Harriet Brice is extra
ordinarily improved this last week — that is, she seems
to have gained strength & ease — but it is so varia
ble, so passing that nothing is to be expected —
Dr Donaldson who attended Nancy, says he thinks it doubt
ful whether or not she lasts the Winter — you
will be sorry to hear Poor E Morey is very ill
I fear a doubtful case whether he gets over
it — I saw Dr Troup yesterday & was grieved to
see how wretchedly he looks — you would hardly have
known him — he complained a good deal tho' he was
riding in the Gig —

There is quite a calm since the
Election — nothing to talk about, but who will
be & who not — retained in office — they say Mr Adams
takes it very quietly & talks of waiting to receive
his rival on the 4th March — I feel provoked to
think of such one ignoramus being placed over
us — if he had Education it would be endu
rable — I expect "he kicked the River the Night