has, And I had rather be Sterling Elder's wife than to rule an Empire. I do not expect to "be drowned in bliss" or any thing of that sort for I know that trouble is the natural heritage of mortality. But truely can I say, that "The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places." My marriage was strictly private no preparation, no feast, no guests. both Mr. Elder + myself preferred this arrangement, we were married at 10½ oclk in the morning and came immediately to our home. The affair was consummated somewhat earlier that it was contemplated, on account of the wheat harvest comeing in sooner than was anticipated. And under the new system of farming with hired labour, that is a season when every Planter must be looking after his interest. The first work I did for my husband was to make the strings and sew them on the wheat sacks that was like a sensible woman would do my husband thinks. Mr Elder has been living on this place 43 yrs. so I guess it will be a sad thing for him to see his home confiscated, should the Radicals succeed in their undertakings we will try to get out of the country though it will be doubtful if we have the means. If the cotton crop fails it will be a calamity additional on the people. We expect terrible times about the time when the elections come off. The negroes would do very well if the Yankee emissaries would let them alone. I have heard of your speechifying in Balt. City. Joe has been down to see me, left this morning, I go home every two weeks. I have amongst the furniture in my house a desk so much