Washington Jan 4th 1845.

Dear Mother

I received your kind, and affectionate letter on Thursday, and am very much surprised that you have not received either of my letters, you must think that we cared very little about your delicious things; I wrote one by Mr Clark, and one by mail, in which I thanked you for the things, both for my self, and sister Catherine.

I have spent quite a pleasant Christmas, considering that I expected to be invited to several parties, and was not invited to even one. I received several very pretty presents at Christmas, and am sorry that I don't send you one.

Dear Mother I will be very much obliged to you if you will send me about $12,00 if you have it to spare, I would not send to you for money but there are some things that I can't do without, and can not get without money. It hurts me very much to think that I have to send to you for money, when your old carriage has just left you on the road. Brother William made a small mistake when he told you that I had money for Christmas but I had not one cent left, because I paid for several things with my pocket money that I did not charge on my bills, as I thought you would send me a little pocket, and I tried to make accounts as small as possible.