

Washington City
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Mary, I cannot attempt to give you a journal of all my proceedings since I left home but I will state to you the ordinary proceeding of a day if I am in my chamber in such season that I am able to rise & read & drop my chapter in good season, before breakfast, which we finish about nine o'clock. By ten o'clock, three days in a week, I go on committee, at the committee room at the Capitol & there attend to business until twelve when session commences in the house & where we stay until four o'clock, at which time the house generally adjourns. Four o'clock is our dinner hour so that it is, at this season of the year near sun down when we have some dinner. We spend the twilight in the parlor & between five & six o'clock tea is there served round. It is in the evening between seven & nine that members call on each other & make short visits, near ones an hour. The rest of the evening we spend in our own rooms, alone & this is all the time being after eight, or nine o'clock in which I have to read, write letters, prepare reports &c. I have considerable business sent us from various parts of my district which requires us to go to the departments at the other end of the city, the General Post Office, the Treasury, the