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Mary,

I have nothing new to write which would be to you of interest. We have had a long and exciting debate on the annexation of Texas which closed yesterday and the vote was taken & decided in favor of annexation by 22 majority, an unexpected number. It now goes to the Senate and though I have heretofore considered it would not pass that body this winter yet the large majority it obtained in our House may have such effect in the Senate that it may pass through but enough of that.

I am now quite as well as usual but my little troubles are very much. That you will know is much more troublesome than dangerous. The weather is much more wild here than it was last winter and society & intercourse is dull & that troubles me not. I am pleased with my quiet quarters but am pleased to remember that considerable more than half the session has passed and the time of returning to my family approaches.

Mary, I look back at my services of last summer and fall and resolve I will not so employ the next. I am resolved if life & health is spared to us and ours that next summer shall