

Washington City  
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Mary,

I have rec. no papers or letters the week past from Vermont. The mails were delayed three days by the storm this side of New York and we have frightful accounts of the snow and wind along the sea coast as far north as Salem. We have not yet had anything from the interior of New England to New York but, presume you have had a heavy storm.

It was for several days extremely cold here & then we had snow & rain and all the time high wind & extremely disagreeable weather; much worse than the winter cold in Vermont.

All well. I think the whigs are gradually outgrowing the first depression of defeat, and are beginning to assume a little more spirit, and cheerfulness and endeavoring to put as good a face on their condition as they are able; but it is a sore defeat.

You still hear & read of controversies, personalities, quarrels, fights & duels among the members & there are some, but they appear much greater in the papers than they