

Washington City
Thursday Nov. 27. 1845.

Mary, I arrived here yesterday and am quite as well as usual. I found my name which I had entered on a seat was erased and the name of another who had reached here before me entered in my place. My arrival was however so seasonable that I was able to secure another seat nearly or quite as good; so that I think I have secured the object I had in reaching here a few days in advance.

There is much exertion to secure seats and I think more than half the numbers have already arrived.

I have as yet settled on no boarding place and it will probably take a week to form the masses for the ship.

I have little to say in relation to my journey. I reached Boston Friday evening near six in the evening & after supper & on invitation, ~~then~~ went to the Chinese Museum & was much gratified. It is a very large room, a church or chapel, entirely fitted up & filled with Chinese affairs. Rooms are formed & fitted up with Chinese furniture & wax figures of the Chinese families in their proper clothing. There are Chinese stores, mechanics shops, temples,