

Washington City
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Mary,

I hardly know of what to make up a letter to you. Of matters which agitate the political world, if you choose to take interest, they may be better learned from the papers than from a letter. As to the societies in female society here and of fashionable society movements here, I know but little of them, but can say there has as yet been no parties at the houses of the public functionaries and very little display or movement has been made. There are very few of the ladies of high members here this winter, as yet. Mr. Crittenden has not his lady, of whom you have often heard me speak, here this season. The Mrs. Potter house is wholly possessed by loco focos & the old ones dispersed.

I went, for Saturday to the President's house with Mr. Foot, it being a pleasant day. It was cabinet day & the President, not to be seen. We looked about the house which has been repaired & refurnished and now looks quite well, the great parlor, the east room, especially. The circular parlor too has actually been cleaned & refurnished, elegantly.

We were introduced to Mrs. Polk in her parlor. She is a very well appearing lady of apparently between 45 & 50. I had heard she