

Washington City
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Mary,

I wrote William three days since and have ^{no} recent news to communicate. Gen Phelps is still here and cannot tell when he can go. He is here endeavoring to get a law passed in relation to the Jefferson lands on Lake Superior, in which he is interested but Congress is so engrossed with the war that it is very difficult to get anything else done or attended to.

The session is more than half expended & very little done but the house has resolved to meet now at eleven o'clock and they will not until four, but at my present boarding house I go out to dine at three o'clock & return in 20 or 30 minutes.

I have been to see Judge Phelps at his quarters to day, as he is sick. I found him quite unwell and the doctor with him but I see nothing alarming in his case and presume he will be out again in a day or two.

Mr. Cook has not yet come on from New York.