

Washington City  
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Mary,  
I believe I am at present the oldest  
debtor to you for a letter. The Horriest I have  
rec<sup>d</sup>. hers (without date) and was much pleased  
with its domestic character and presume the  
children have before now recovered of the  
colds which came thro' upon them.

The weather, which was so mild at my  
last writing, has again become cold and we  
have had several days quite cold but no snow.

The city is now quite full of people, most  
of whom are here for military appointments  
in the new regiments to be raised. Among  
others Gen. Ransom has been here after the  
appointment of Col. Whittier he will succeed  
I know not but think he might if he could  
succeed in raising a regiment.

Dr. Childs or Gov. Childs is here for the  
appointment of his son as Assistant Surgeon  
in Col. Cushing's Regt. of Massachusetts Volunteers  
and he succeeds —