

Washington City
June 30. 1845

Marriette, I have been sometimes indebted
to you a letter but take this time rather to
acknowledge the debt than to repay it.
I am very much occupied with duties which
devolve upon me as a member of the committee
on Public Lands and the weather has become
most oppressive here and I am not inclined
to put forth any very severe efforts, but as far
as practicable, consult my health.

I am as well as usual but I long for the
green hills of Vermont & the sea lights of the
countenances of my wife & children. I dare not
promise to visit here until the Sepion clears,
~~the time of~~ which clear is entirely uncertain, but there is
no good reason now to expect it will be until
August, but it is ^{not} impossible that I may visit
before in July.

I cannot without going at great length
now explain the difficulties and objections to
my leaving here before the clear of the Sepion, but
the difficulties are great, & I may not be able
to overcome them.