

Washington City  
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Mary,

I did wrong to entertain myself or to create in others a hope of being able to visit you in the fore part of July when it was so uncertain, indeed so improbable that Windsor's leave in Congress continues as it was before, and cannot be left. The time for adjournment is as uncertain as ever.

July 11.

The much agitated question as to Slavery being admitted into the newly acquired territory now constitutes the theme of conversation among the members, and no time of adjournment will be concluded on until a conclusion is made whether that is to be settled at this Session. It therefore becomes daily more & more uncertain.

I presume my brother George will be at Woodstock at the State Convention on the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month & hope he may bring Lucina with him to see you. I do not think it has yet been quite so hot here as it was in July when you was here, that is, it has not been so