

Washington City  
Dec. 3. 1848.

Mary,

I accomplished my journey here in  
the manner and in the time I contemplated.  
I reached Boston between 8 & 8 of the day I left  
home, but did not go out of the house that  
evening, I started at 7 with morning for N.H.  
where I arrived about 8 o'clock in the evening.  
I went to the Irving House, newly erected &  
kept by the Howards. It is certainly a nice  
house. I found Capt. Simmon, & Lady there  
who said they intended to be at Woodstock  
to thanksgiving & therefore are probably those  
whom they reaches you. I called on Mrs. Phelps  
on Thursday, who was not very well but said  
she would go shopping with me next day, and  
that was as well for I could as well leave  
for Philadelphia in the afternoon or in the  
morning. I looked around some, with my  
friend Mr. Nichols, on Thursday and on Friday  
morning Mrs. Phelps went with me and  
after visiting Stewarts & P. Hanning, she took