

Washington City
March 5. 1849.

Mary,

I have this day attended the inauguration of Gen Taylor as President. The concourse of people was immense but all passed off pleasantly & without accident.

About 7 o'clock this evening I recd. a note from J. M. Clayton calling me immediately to the President's house, now possessed by Gen Taylor, and I went, and on going into the President's drawing room he directed me to go to the office. On my arrival there I found J. M. Clayton ^{of Delaware} Sec. of State - Mr. Meredith of Penn. Sec. of the Treasury - Mr Ewing of Ohio Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Preston of Virginia Sec. of Navy & Mr. Johnson of Maryland Atty. General, that is, these gentlemen had been selected by Gen. Taylor for these places