

Washington City
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Mary,

I think I can now say that
the bad boil on my hand is well. I did
not finally take off the salve from it
until yesterday.

It is cold & very wet here raining
almost every day for two weeks past.
We have nothing new from the season
except that the asparagus is better here
this spring than I have before seen.
Today we had green peas, but they were
brought from the south & not very
good. It has been rainy to day and
I have been to the Capitol to hear a
very good sermon to a very thin
congregation.