



Washington City
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Mary,

Another week has passed since I wrote Lizzie, who, no doubt, informed you; & I am now quite as well as usual. There is now but three weeks left of the session.

I have rec^d. answered a letter from Francis since Ellen had a letter from Thomas & I have, at the solicitation of the girls, promised to visit them on my way home at the close of the session.

A very unpleasant proposition, that is, the acquisition of Cuba, is now agitated in Congress & will occasion much discussion & I may have to prepare & present a full speech on the subject. You know such a