

Washington City
Dec. 11. 1859.

Mary,

I wrote your mother, last Sunday evening but, have not yet rec^d. any line from home. I shall expect, in soon.

It rained here every day after my arrival until Thursday night. On Thursday, between showers, I found time to call & pay my respects to the President. I have rec^d. & answered the cards of most of the Cabinet members.

^{Wednesday}
On ~~Thursday~~ evening Mr. Dixon of Lou. invited the Repub. members of the Senate to meet [&] the Congressional Delegation at his house, it was just a pleasant little party. It being stormy I rode with three other gentlemen & in front of Treasury the coach axle broke off & forestrated us in the mud. No one hurt.