

Washington Dec^r 3^d 1821.

Dear Samuel,

I have at length arrived at Washington, and in good health; I wrote to you from Albany, giving an account of my progress, so far; I will now give you an account of the remainder of my journey - The steam boat which I expected to find at Albany on Wednesday morning, by an alteration in the time of departure, did not go to New York until Thursday morning, by which arrangement, a day is lost; but fortunately I found a small steam boat going to N. York on Wednesday evening - in which we took our passage and arrived at N. York on Thursday evening. Friday night we tarried at Trenton in New Jersey, 70 miles from N. York - Saturday morning we took the line of steam boats on the Delaware and Chesapeake bay and arrived at Baltimore at 4 o'clock, on Sunday morning, being a distance of 156 miles in 22 hours - From Baltimore to Washington is only 40 miles, which we travelled on Sunday. Congress met this day, and have spent it in endeavoring to elect a speaker, but have not yet done so. Mr. Young of Penn., after seven votes, stands at the head of the candidates and it is thought that he will finally be elected. I have not yet taken lodgings, but remains at a tavern. I have been looking round, and expect that Mr Palmer, Gen^l Matthews, Col^l Rich and myself have agreed to take lodgings together - and I expect we shall take our lodgings tomorrow - There is no snow at Washington - but I found it all the way until I reached Baltimore - I have no convenience for writing - at present - but will write to your Mama & Mary next week - Give them my best love

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