

Washington Dec. 7th 1849

My dear Eunice,

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I arrived at Washington, in good health on Saturday the 5th at night, and not until to day have I taken lodgings - Mr Richards and myself, after examining nearly all the boarding houses on Capitol hill, have at last concluded to take our old room at Capt. Prucher, being satisfied that we could do much better there than at any other house - they have concluded to abate something from the price exacted from us the last year. Congress met yesterday in the new hall which is splendidly fitted up - but from the constant and continued echo, it is nearly impossible to hear distinctly any speaker - Mr Ruf of Hartford called upon me and presented me a letter of introduction from Eli, which letter I enclose to you - He appears, as represented by your brother, to be a very amiable man, and so far I am pleased with him - I have enquired particularly respecting Eli's prospects at Hartford, and learn, with much satisfaction, that they are very flattering - having as much practice as he can attend to and more, as well as prompter pay than at Farmington - I have not as yet drawn any of my pay - but next week I will transmit some money to you which I know you will soon want - You may inform Mr Carlin & Mr Clark that the best pork is selling at Albany & New York for