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My Dearest Wife: Thursday evening -

Your welcome letter written just before you left Washington is just rec'd. I have not known till now whether you had gone or not - I have been in considerable suspense. I hoped you was not gone, still I thought it best for you to go - I am glad you did not go till you did, so that you had time to go to the Patent Office. You have visited Washington pretty thoroughly & I think won't want to come again for some time -

Genl. Starnard came out here Tuesday & Col. Blunt left for Washington within ten minutes after he got here - with the Chaplain & Lt. Benedict. I asked the Chaplain to call upon you, for I did not know whether you would be gone or not - I presumed you would like to see him -

You saw what Genl. Starnard was when he called on you, He is just the same at all times - Yesterday I rode with him