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My blessed darling Mary Jane

Your kind

good letter, with Mollie's (bless the dear little angel) of the 17th came in this eve, and you will see by the top of this page, that a heavy part of your "grate load" is taken away, for we are here yet, and now again all looks like remaining here, still we cannot say what moment the order may come to go, but be that as it may, Dr. Rutheford says very truly, "laugh while you can, and cry when you can't help it" which you know is my rule also - I well knew darling one, that I was writing you hard news, but still I had to say it, for we really thought we had to go - and now I find it is your turn to write