

Washington April 23rd 1849.

My dearest Jonathan

For a few days past we have had warm pleasant spring weather, and dry roads, which I have improved on riding a little by making a few calls on some of my friends. I have scarcely been out at all before except to walking since you left. And I am happy to say that I think I feel decidedly better for my exercise in the open air. It is pleasant again to day I am thinking of going out to return a few ^{more} calls, such as to see Mrs. Stone, & Mrs. Labaree, Mrs. Prescott, &c. &c.

Long before yesterday I sent one to Mrs. L. & found them all well & appeared very glad to see me. They made inquiries after you & the ladies, all of which I answered, giving you love to them also the ladies. They are expecting a visit from you, at also many others when you return. I am often asked when I expect you? Little Judith is sitting by the fire & wish you could just look in upon us for a moment, if no longer to see how she has improved since you left. She has got the singing for a lady working and trotting it to singing occasionally by lady by. Good evening. I can write no more at present but as you say, a little every day.

April 23. Well my dear, after the fatigue of another Sabbath. How do you find yourself this morn'g? I feel pretty well this morn'g, though I was quite tired Saturday after my walk, & was able to attend meeting only part of the day yesterday. I called to see Mrs. Henry Bell who is still confined to her bed as she was when you were here. Mr. Bell told me, that he had heard of your being in Washington, & something about you making a speech there, and then added you will see it next week in the paper. I hope that ere this you have received some of the letters which I have sent to you, superscribed according to your directions to the care of Mr. C. Smith & Co. New York City. I gave Mr. Smith an invitation to fill a part of my sheet last to which he replied himself saying wait till next time.

P.S. Yesterday, My dear I received your letter from the 16 to the 21st single
since.

You say nothing about having received any of the four letters which I
had sent you directed to New York according to directions. When you
write next time do mention whether or not any of them have reached you.
And what shall I say about your cordial reception by the good Episcopos
at Washington? Probably the less I say the better, but really how small
how shamefully and how very unbecomingly he tried to wound your
feelings. What did the bishop say? I am sure he must have observed some
thing, with disgust. I am happy to hear that you are still favored with a con-
siderable measure of health. We all wonder that you do not get sick - so much
fatigue to excitement & anxiety, too, as I know you constantly feel in having
the bishop with you. I was sorry to hear that you had been troubled with a
cold. So be careful very soon of your health & get you such articles as you
find you need for your comfort. I think as brother does, that you will
hard enough to have things for your comfort. You drawers must be thin
by this time, & I wish you ^{would} have such as you like, or any other articles of clothing
such as you think need for your comfort or appearance. You will not forget
that a public gentleman reflects honor or disgrace upon his wife, if he has
one, & if not upon chosen pretenses to have the charge of his things. You
know my taste & feelings perfectly about this, that is the other little thing
which I need not now mention.

I have just been amused in reading in our daily paper, the mention of
your arrival at Washington, from the St. J. Express. In speaking of the bishop
it says "a new sort of man has made his appearance bona fide metropolitan
The Rev. Mr. Johanna Episcopal bishop of the Nestorians - accompanied
by Mr. J. Perkins minister from Persia etc etc" After that there is allusion
to your preaching in Congress Hall. I am happy in thinking that you
are enjoying so much in visiting & beholding so many curiosities and
interesting relics of our beloved country, & that you are not only permitted to
mingled with the greatest men of our land, but that you can visit those
famed spots around which cluster so many tender & thrilling as-
sociations of the great & the good - who have ^{long} gone to their final home.

Tuesday P.M. Father has just received ~~his~~ a letter from ^{you} ^{comp. 7th}
Halle in which he speaks of your visit at Washington, of the
impression he has made; and he says you wish
to have me send you a letter that may reach you on the
2nd of May. So I close this in haste - having only to add that
we are all well & all send love to you & the bishop, also to
Mr & Mrs Halle remember us very particularly.

Your affectionate wife -

Charlotte B. Perkins

To the Rev Justin Perkins
Washington

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