

Bellevue May 25 1850

Dear Mary

As you see I am to officiate at this very important
event, in the same capacity, it is of course necessary for me to
know something of such other affairs; I have been expecting a
line from you, ever since I left Washington, as we were not
able to write, and talk over deep ^{of} ^a palette with that; you
had decided to open your deep and was going to have it made
as I thought of having some made when I was here, but
feeling them would be some mistake I thought, it best to
give "particulars" - Mine is finished, and is made with
a horn and took a finger wide and the distance between
the two is the width of the beam - The suit is made very much
like John's halpenn deep, the lining is very low but the interior
quite high; as my work will not be exposed, especially in the
morning, and a little narrow ^{blouse} ^{edges} - The sleeves are short with
a broad hem at the bottom and a blouse full around, quite
full - I believe that is all - I will expect you to stay with me
of course when you come to Bellevue, and would be pleased to
have you stay some time with us if you could make it convenient
You will not mis understand my motive in writing this for you
will know that it is not a wish to influence your taste in the

best. for I am perfectly willing to make any alterations you may
think proper, and only thought it best to write you that you
might know how my style was made —

Please excuse my letters for it is late at night
and I am writing in great haste. Although not the first
letter I ever wrote you it is the first for many years, and
may I not hope it is the commencement of a friendship
more lasting than our school days could boast of. Accept
my warmest wishes for your happiness and believe me

Your sincere friend
Eliza Smith

'Mary'

P.S. Please write soon and let me know your opinion
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