

Washington D. C. Feb 11/21

Dear Mother

It is with an air of great importance that I now
date this letter from this city, but I must beg pardon for ~~the~~ com-
mencing my letter thus. We arrived in this place today a delightful
morning & in fine spirits & was the first 1/2 miles that we passed over
without some acquaintance. We left Columbus on Thursday mor-
ning as we expected with but one gentleman with whom we were
acquainted, Johnson, there being on ride beside several deck paper
you & arrived at Jamesville about dark where we had to then packed
up & started as the chief of the brown robe would say. All this place was
deserted but the German took a deck passage from Thomas to Pittsburgh
we breakfasted. It would be an error for me to attempt to describe
to you my feelings during the twelve hours between Thursday & Friday
sometimes almost downing with fear but the next ^{moment} to burst
with laughter & could not sleep till nearly morning then I was shut
up in a little narrow cramped concern with eight men just think
I tell you it was no very pleasant situation but nothing like getting
used to any thing, on the second night I rested very well considering
I had a very pleasant sleep over the mountains & was nothing to what
I expected. We had good company long years & lots of fun.

The second night I rested very well to the third was perfectly at
home & would have slept finely had it not been for the noise of rain

of the paperengers as was more than passing over the most dangerous parts
of the mountains but I slept very soundly all night although I
could expect to see again see the daylight ^{but} from the awful
descriptions which were given but the proximity might yield to the
majority or had by said stay that would have ^{been} sufficient but I
thought that in order to obtain the good will & wishes of all I would
say so I thought that we might pass safely over & then we would go
much farther along ^{for} we would ^{not} see it we did so
without a single accident. We still continued our journey on
Sunday & arrived at the first town that evening where I did find
that I could not expect to travel another night without resting,
consequently several of the paperengers laid down in the kitchen of the house
of one Columbus the woman from Standwell & the woman from
Stoughton my footbed & the rest continued on I retired so not quite
early & rose early & after breakfast procured the tickets for
our train to half in company with the woman & L a beautiful
place but not time to come to say anything more at a half past 10
we again set out for Baltimore in company with Mr. M. & W.
although they left us some 20 miles from & passed directly on to W.
We left D on Tuesday morning for W. arrived there about eleven & had
several calls from gentlemen & an invitation from the Congregational
Church to visit the capitol on the following morning but when morn-
ing came it was very different from the preceding the snow was
falling very fast which prevented our going. We remain
here some ten days or more & from here we shall pass directly to
Boston where we shall again meet Mr. M. & W. We are very plea-
santly interested in a pleasant private family although several have
seen at this time & with Mr. Thidgen I am some respecting
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I think it quite uncertain about your purchasing
any furniture he says that you said nothing to him
about it. I wish you would answer this immediately to
send to Mansfield requesting him to purchase some furniture
I dreamed & dreamed since I left home which I
must communicate which is that Mrs. Tull was married
My love to all & particularly to Call. Tell Call to say to
Mary A. Cowles that I have found something which I think would
be sufficient to occupy her attention for some time but I
hardly think I shall communicate — she does not let any
one peruse this letter it is written in great haste I will
write to you from Mansfield

Nothing more to write but remain
Your affectionate daughter

May Johnson

Tell Call I want her to write me while at Mansfield

