

Washington March 3rd
 My Dear Wife:

I arrived here this morning safe and sound and "on time", ready to take a part in the "wild hunt for office", which has now fairly begun. Nothing of any importance happened on the way. I had as pleasant a trip as I had any reason to anticipate. Every thing is in a whirl and no one knows what a day may bring forth. — The cabinet which was supposed to be firmly settled last night, is understood to be broken up again this morning, and our room is full of political quidnuncs, cursing & discussing men and things with infinite gusto.

Robert informs me that he wrote to ~~me~~ telling me that Schuck thought it was not worth while to come on for some time. I do not know whether to be glad or sorry that I did not get it before I left.

I saw a man to-day who went to Baltimore to find out the conspiracy to assassinate Mr Lincoln. He thinks an attempt will be made to take his life to-morrow. If it is, there will be a lively time you may well believe. I shall not be surprised myself if his life is attempted.

I would not write this to you, if there was any possibility of this letter getting into your hands before the Inauguration Day was passed. If there is any trouble you will learn ~~it~~ by telegraph

whatever has happened. I hope every thing will pass off smoothly and that our country may not be disgraced by a scene of violence which is seriously apprehended.

Love to all the little ones and oceans ~~of~~ to yourself -

Ever thine

L. B. 73.