

I am getting very tired of this business and long to be ~~back~~ with my wife and little ones again. I hope I will be able to leave this week. If we get the office, I shall go home by New York, or rather go to that city and then back to Philadelphia home. In any event I shall come home by the way of Phila, as I have never been there and may not be again for a long time. — I wish John Howard would write what are the prospects for the Spring election. If I am likely to be beaten, I must hurry home to do some work.

Give my love to all my friends and kin them all around, I hope next Sunday will see me home.

Good bye dearest
Father

Washington March 10. 1861
Sunday

My dear wife:

Although this is Sunday, of-
ficeseeking & button-holing and boring
go on without cessation. The crowd has
diminished very greatly and the rush to
this city has almost ceased. Yet it is dif-
ficult to get anything done. If Mr. Schenck
were here I could get the appointment
made this week, because he has access
to the President's ear, and I think I can
bring some influence to bear on the P.
M. General which would conclude the
matter, Mr. S. promised to write to the
President at his request, but whether
he did so or not I am unable to say.
I shall try to see the P. M. Gen. to-day. I was
introduced to him yesterday by Mr. Train
of Mass. but he was too much occu-
pied to talk upon the subject then.

If I get to see Mr Blair to-day, I shall probably have an opportunity of talking with him upon the subject and perhaps may be able to accomplish something. If things appear as I think they will, I shall try to bring matter to a head to-morrow. But I don't dare to hope that I shall be able to effect anything so soon. Perhaps I may have something further to say on this subject before I close my letter.

I took my daguerreotypes ~~up~~ to let Mr Wright see them, yesterday and called last night to get them but did not find them in. I must go again to-day as they intend going home this afternoon.

Gen. Schouler is here. We have been very much together and he is doing what he can to help me. He is a candidate for Consul at London and I am very anxious to have him succeed.

I expect to leave the Avenue House to-day or to-morrow to go into furnished rooms with Gen Clark of Vermont a very clever gentleman whose acquaintance I made in 1852.

A sweet story was told me to-day about Craft. They say he went around among the friends of his father, just after he had been appointed a member of the Peace Conference and represented him to be very poor: said he had no money of his own to advance; and in this way raised about four hundred dollars! You see he has not got over his old ways if he did tender me the olive branch!

Evening.

I failed in my manoeuvre to-day, but I shall make a dead set at it to-morrow with better luck I hope.

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