

Washington Nov 22, 1871

My Dear Sister,

I write to tell you of my safe arrival back to Washington - and found my family all well and the child now doing well at School.

I reached here on the 12th - had a hard journey to the Rail Road - the road being bad, and every place we stopped at was over crowded, so it was best that you did not come with me for you could not have stood the trip. Should you ever come to Washington I advise you to come by the way of Little Rock - but how can you come at all if it should ever become necessary ^{for} you to come - because you would not be allowed the use of your Pipe in the Cars. It may become

necessary for you to come
next Spring - therefore you
ought to commence now
and see how if you cant
brake yourself of the prac-
tice of Smoking.

I am anxious to hear from
you, and from our aquidmother
and sister Betty. This may
have reached ~~you~~ reach
you by the time you get
back to your old home.

I dont think you started
back as soon as you said you
would to your old home - was
prevented no doubt by bad
weather. I dont want you
to be uneasy about your
Book - it is here safe - and
I dont ^{want} you to be uneasy
about any thing in regard
to your business here for I am
now confident no one

will be appointed to fill
your deceased husband's
place in the Delegation.

I was unwell all the time
at the Council - I am now
a great deal better - feel well
and in good spirits, and
if spared I intend to do
big work this winter for
you and all concerned.

Tell Betsy that I have
not forgotten about the
School in New England
the Spoke of - and will soon
make enquiries about it.

I stopped at Perryville &
heard of Mr Kellog being
there with his family on
their way home from the
North. I would like for
him to write to me.

Give my love to Mother -
I remember her and all of

You who are near and dear
to me in all my daily prayers
And may God bless you all -
Your Brother.

Peter.

P.S. My little folks had
grown wonderfully in the
two months I was away
from them -