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My dear Wife

I got the good news This morning. sent you at once a line. I can not tell you what a joy has accompanied me all day. Joy at the work + gratitude & also at your comfort. I hope you will take good care of your self. Don't try to get up too soon, better be a fortnight in bed than try to get up a day too soon.

I wish I knew of any thing. That I could get + send you.

What by the way will you want this winter. a winter bonnet? Can I get something here + send? I have thought of getting you a set of furs – but question whether you will need them in Or. Unless they necessary-- whether it would be right to set the example of wearing them – or if it would be good policy to put yourself before others - How would you feel about it?

Do you want a silk [dress] – what style + color? would these [illegible] [plaids]

become you?
Please tell me what
there is that will please
you that will be of ser-
vice this winter.

What hat or cap or bon-
net will Mary need-

How long do you
suppose Madame; I can
stay away from you?
I have been attending
The reception of the del-
egations of Southern loy-
alists – Have been deeply
moved by their address
+ the vivid presentation
made by them + others of the
present posture of public
affairs. It is a Time
for my earnest true patriot
to be interested + where
he can [active] – [illegible]
must be sustained + that
decidedly by the North or
new disasters or trials await
us. I have never [sensed]
more ability or true patriot-
ism in any public work
than is manifest in these
Southern Loyalists.

Give my love to all
Kiss that little [illegible]
+ unknown little son +
tell him I hope the Lord
will know him + make
him his in doing [illegible text] in
triumphing finally.
yours Sidney