Dear Mother

I arrived here on the 22nd of February, after six hours travel. We expected to have a great day as soldiers and fire companies were coming by thousands to inaugurate the Statue of Washington but it began to rain in the morning and kept on the whole day with the exception of an hour or so in the afternoon.
about 10 Oclock in forenoon we went up to the Treasury and took a stand on the portico which was crowded with Men Women and Children but after waiting some time we got tired and went up the Avenue towards the City Hall where We met the procession and we walked with it about 2 miles through mud and rain to the Statue,, fortunately it stopt raining just then and we had an opportunity to hear the Oration which was delivered by Mr Bocock [Thomas S. Bocock] of Virginia, after the oration, President Bucanen [James Buchanan] Dedicated the Statue to Washington,, and then the covering was removed from it amid the roaring of Cannon and Cheering of the people,, After the parade and inauguration it cleared up and we have had splendid weather since,,
I think we shall start for New York to Morrow in steamer Mount Vernon. We are both well at present and have been ever since we left home. I have become acquainted with a Sculptor here. He took me to day to his Shop and showed a bust he is making for the Secretary of War.

Yours affectionately
Edward A Fulton [Edward A. Fulton]
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You must tell Mr Walton [Alfred Walton] and the rest of the folks that I am well...
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