

Dear Bro.

I was about engaging Cate
a colored man to draw me 100 loads of Manure
from the Barn. Late, he says, Mr. J. Dixon
has given him leave to take it out of Dock

I would thank you to see that he hauls
good loads. His argument was, to have two
horses, and draw good loads, which is of
importance, as I pay by the load and as
I expect he will go at it immediately. I shall
not be at home. I will therefore thank
you to have an eye to it for me.

May the Lord bless you and family

Your Bro.

Amos
Forbush

Mr. John Torbert

Dear William

after I wrote you, John was taken
more poorly with a Diarrhea and ^{I tried what I could} found it did not
answer on Saturday I thought it best to send for
the Doctor he gave him a powder and has since
given him oil he says I need not feel the least
uneasy but I cannot help but feel a little
uneasy and I would like you to come down I
do hope Mr. Hacks has got back if he has not
you had better write him so you would not have
to hurry back but William if you get this
in the morning try and get down in the after-
noon let us try the luck with and trust in him
that has promised to be with us at all times and
in all places the rest are well I am pleased to
hear Susan has come in to be with Mother
and that little Jimmy is better dear William
I shall look for you to-morrow the girls and children
all join me in much love to you Mother and Susan
and Jimmy - yours as ever Elizabeth

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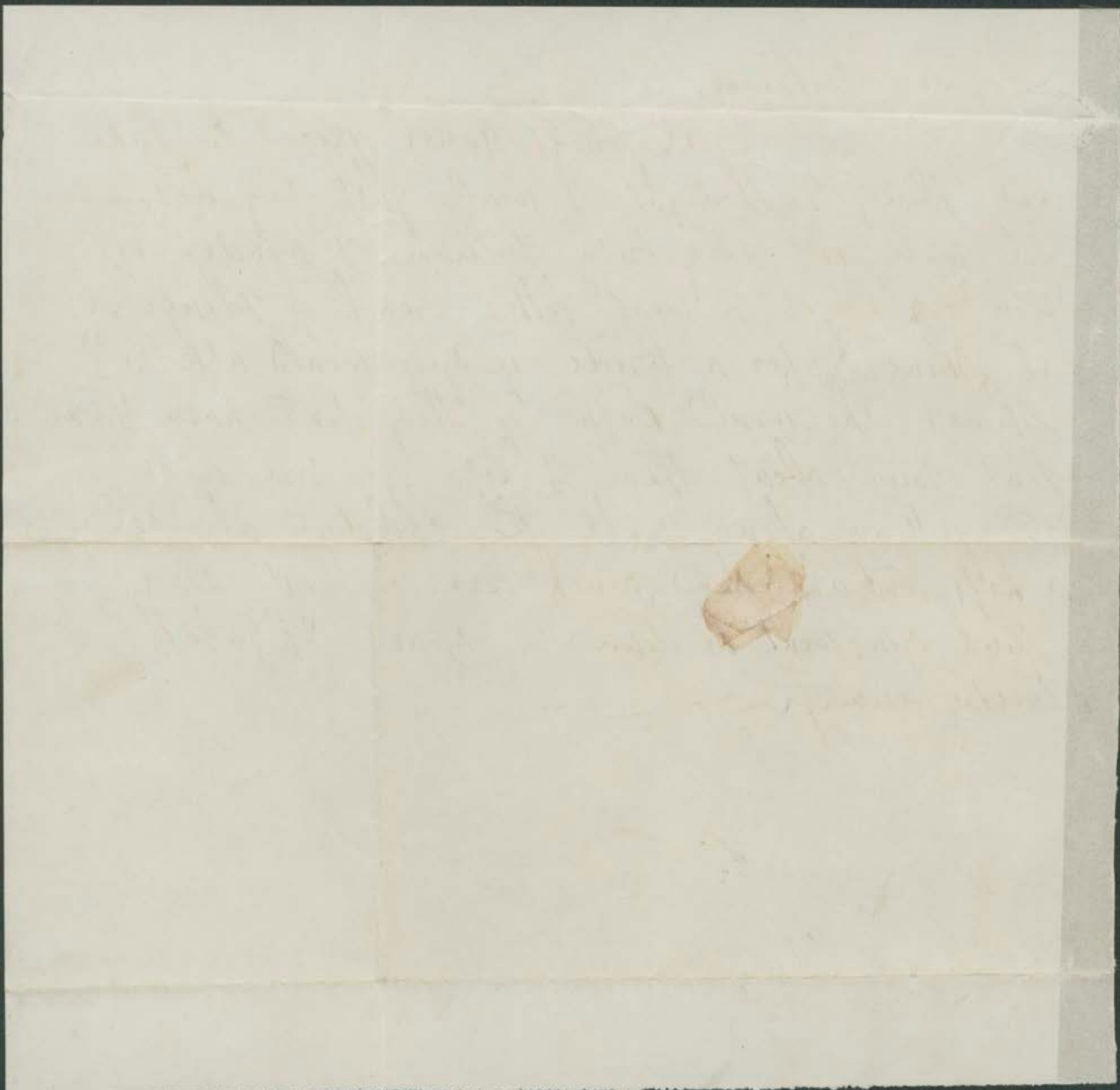
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Dear William

as Miss Jones offered to take
any thing I thought I would just say we
are well but very busy William I wonder if
you could get a neat little bunch of felousers
at Skinner's for a bride if you would ask Mrs
Skinner she would know if they dont have them
dont mind about them I hope you are well
and getting along well the children all send
a kiss and all send much love in haste ever
(think you wont be down) yours Elizabeth
(Tuesday evening)



Feb 9

Dear Father

I thank you for your kindness in sending me those things I wished and would be more obliged if you will send me the remainder by the Black Man whom I will send in, with a Cart on Thursday or Friday for them. And if I am entitled to a Share with my Sister of those things Reserved of our dear Mother I should like to have them, I should value every trifle that was hers and would take every care of them, I will be willing to take whatever yourself and the Girls might think just.

I have every Comfort I could wish but there is something I should like to have of my own, which I always looked forward to getting with the Legacy of my Grand mother when or whenever I might settle my self, and if you would buy my Shares of Bank Stock or if you will not do that, sell them for me you will Oblige me very much I shall be in on Thursday or Friday and should then like to know what I have to depend upon if then you would send a note to Wilsons Store I shall get it the Girls made a mistake and sent me the wrong Wash Basin and Pitcher which I should like to have changed as I want nothing but my own Your affec Daughter

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John Torbert Esq^r
Wilmington.
Del.

Washington Sunday Eve.

My dear Sister

I received your kind letter just after I had written you and was glad to hear you were pretty well and that Esther is mending so fast - I expect little Susan is almost as large as Mary & baby I plague her all the time and tell her "She was as large as Beckett when I left Wilmington" but to tell you the truth he is the finest and largest baby Mary & has ever had - and the best - We called to see Maria Thompson - She was here on Thursday and will leave for Wilmington to-morrow morning - She kindly offered to take any package we might have to send - I have had this invitation for sometime waiting for a suitable opportunity I did not care about sending it before the Ball as I knew you would not come on - I send it now as the likeness of Mr. Polk on it is thought to be good and that you would like to have it on that account - We did not attend the Ball although at first we had some thoughts of doing so - however we concluded we had had glory enough through the day although it did rain - We dressed and had breakfast as early as possible in the morning - James hurried

Miss Mary Jane Torbert
near Wilmington
Delaware
Miss Maria Thompson
Goldenrod

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off to the Capitol dressed in his Buff Scarf and
blue rosettes he being one of the Marshalls, we all
made tracks down to Mrs. Peyton's (except Charles
who was off with his Delaware friends) we remained
there until after the processions passed and had
several polite bows from Mr. Polk. — Then Mr.
Lucien Peyton took Kate and me accompanied by
several other ladies and gentlemen up to the Capitol
when we got there James procured us first rate
stands directly back of the President who was
making his inaugural address — we had plenty
of fine music after he concluded. — The Canon
thundered forth — and in the evening beautiful
fire works — the Avenue was a perfect jam for days
before and after the 4th. — The \$10. Ball the one we
were invited to was held at Carusi's Saloon and
the other the \$5 was held at the Theatre which
by-the-by was burnt down completely the night
after. — Mr Peyton who took Kate and me while
waiting at the door for us to come out in the
crowd had his pocket picked of several
hundred dollars upwards of \$75 in bank notes
and the remainder in promissory notes which was
indeed a great loss to him. — I suppose by
this time you have left Arnold's and are again
with Elizabeth — does her baby keep well and grow
Another says William was in purchasing a look
for him, not got to reading or anything like that
yet. — Have you taken a seat in Mr. Love's Church

When you write which I hope will be soon give me
all the news and tell me of all home concerns — We have
not seen any of Blacks for a week but when we last
saw Mrs. B. She was expecting her Mother to pay her
a visit — They make kind inquiries after you. —
Susan and Mr Fuller live at home that is at Capt. B's
and little Fannan runs all about and is a beautiful
child. — Dr. Howell who has been in Washington
since the 15th called to see us an hour or two since
he and Charles have gone down to see Allen Thompson
who is also here trying for an office I think
Give my love to Esther and Mother when
you see them also to E and William. —
and all enquiring friends. — Do, go over to
see Lindsay and Mrs Bracken Remember me
to them. — Kate appears to like Washington very
much. — We have been to the Theatre several
times, but we are done now. — On Friday night
we all went to a concert of the Orpheum family
and the best of it was Mary E paid the cash
The children often ask after you and little
Jonny is a "nonpareil" he and little Annie
are my pet. — Have you Spring weather
we have it most delightful the Apricot trees
in the yard are in bloom — Write me soon
Tony Linn kind sat just behind us in church
this morning so you see he is still about. Mrs
Peyton asks after you very kindly. — Adieu
Your attached Sister Susan