

Rome. May 6th 1865.

My darling wife forgive her sister who has
not been so dear. if she only got a short note
they would. instead of the usual long wady letter.
I have been much occupied in the early days of
the work. much to think. much to trouble. & a
feeling of fatigue upon me. which made me long
for rest & take in any how busy when I could
get it. on Monday 1st May. your dear letter of April
3rd 4th 5th arrived. such a dear long satisfactory
letter. will you believe. I was too busy to read it better
I was to bed. where it came first than in the evening
way. Tuesday 2nd. I was very busy writing to your
father & mother. much about Spenser on business
on Wednesday. Col. T. & Mrs. Noble arrived & my
unpleasant. I was then. you may imagine I
have not had much leisure. - Friday - I rec'd your
dear letter of the 11th 12th April. - one from your father
& one from Mr. MacArthur with my account. -
which I had to go Campbell on last night
before going to bed. & preparatory to answering the
Monday which I have done my conclusion.
- by before commencing my note to you. I was so
glad to get your letter & your father's dear note. -
I will go to his house. & I will write to him next
week. your last letter was not a very late date
leaving I think on the 13th & he wrote on the 19th. your
father's letter dated 19th brought me intelligence
of the effect produced on people by the paper
tragedy at Washington on the 14th Apr. I cannot tell
you of its effect upon us all here. - I was terrified by
it & believe I have been very unwell. - more so than
such general work. - as seems to go up to heaven
following that poor martyr's soul. - for if from them
it was Abraham Lincoln. - I will tell you

all people abroad in whatever language, are sending
public & private words of sympathy & condolence
in their circumstances. It is not only sympathy
at a distance - as comes the matter by post -
Caria & Education & Education. They stand still
looking on with a faint & timid - in doubt
Confidence. The most noble opponents are
silenced in speculation on the chances and
the prospects consequently - about. "But they all
in truth are that the Rebellion is down dead.
The States come forward now - with their own
-parade respect. Aspects of the South as "Irish"
-put. "Irish" - instead of "Confederate" & "Irish"
all in all with our country - which our good
time that friend Mr Seward is spared. We
have been much troubled down with anxiety
about him. It days we have news that his
address has been found & identified. In Paris
but when will they get that nice & able doctor
Duffin. Booth - how little Mary - she has
suffered much with her suffering. Corbett
Vernon - her look of tragic terror in her little
photograph - was surely a reflection of the dead
Anna - whose name will already say to her
& all her friends - from a friend. I saw by the
Transcript of the 18th that Janette had asked Booth
to give up his day up - & I saw that in Boston
Vesp. he could not let go the opportunity of getting
flashed about his political opinions. I suppose
what may have been thought necessary in
consideration of his professional pretensions.
Though I cannot see how he can ever hold
his head again - or present himself to a public.

from my strain. That I should have associated
the address of Mr Lincoln before we knew
how he had been attacked - with a theatrical char-
acter - apart from his being in a theatre. These
-acts of mine are peculiar. Poor watch. I
wrote him a number times. A watch so disreputable
will take his own life first. Poor Mrs Seward
poor Fanny. My heart bleeds for them. I should
have - the horror of the scene - would have
deprived me of every sign of a nerve. The mere
account of it in the Transcript of the 18th took
all power from my limbs & I was torn & shaken
since then. I have not possessed them in quiet
for a moment. I wish I could say they had been
Seward for me - write me now. I feel that any ex-
-pression from you will say better than I can
myself - my sympathy - my sorrow for his great
suffering. Next - write I will try to write myself
I wish you to bring me the best photograph of
Mr Lincoln - Mr Johnson - Frank Sherman and
Sheridan Stanton. - We had a picture taken of
from a photograph. I was busy up after the Liberty
wrapped with black. Mrs Adams was here at the
time & we fraternized much - I am prepared to
have you go over to London - which you must
do as soon as you arrive - dropped put on his card
to Mr Moran - Secretary of Legation. Mr Seward
assistant Sec Legation. & to Mr Adams - "Intro-
duced by Miss Cushman." - I feel sure that there
is no harm in the offer of taking you among them.
If you are presented or not. I wish
you to be presented in London. Moran is here
a nice simple fellow - will tell you exactly how
to do & how to behave & about the Consular

uniform. used as foreign coats which I
wish did to have. I hope to be in London when
you come - but I may not. you will perhaps
stop a little while with Miss Wallman in June
so as to see Rosalie & Mabel. Miss Holland is
up his school at mid summer. & so is Miss
& the two girls have to leave their schools. Rosalie
has paid mother that she father is going to send
her to Geneva to school. I wish he would send
of them there. = I hope you will keep your
- nurse. on your way up. rather than for dear
baby. on account of chance of danger. It is
a strong baby. I want him to have the breast
just as long as he will take in. I will pay the
nurse's passage out here & back. if you will keep her
why don't you propose to Mr. Hays to make the
Expense some - good reason why you should be water
& taken care of this summer. & remain in
this summer so that you would be such a large part
about. you pay her her way & then something to wait
her board - which would cost you less than her board
here. & then occupy herself during the summer
& then come out later to join you to come here after
the summer is over for next winter care of baby. I
you are such great assist by Mr. Hays, having the
care of baby. but then when I am with you you will
need, so much, any one but the wet nurse. How
do you will about her. only you wish to pay
the wet nurse. & he must have her for the way up
to what is money to her compared with her wet nurse
after his health has come. I don't mind but he
than good whole over breast milk. = I don't want to
see some interest money 1/2 of him. & he can pay
nurse for his wife. busy in the east. it would do
matter. & perhaps. if after all we conclude to bring
on here further state of baby's having the breast. &