

Washington, April 16 - 1848 -

Dear Mary:

In this troublesome world, we are never quite satisfied - When you were here, I thought you hindered me some in attending to business; but now, having nothing but business - no vanity - it has grown exceedingly tiresome to me - I hate to sit down and direct documents, and I hate to stay in this old room by myself - You know I told you in last Sunday's letter, I was going to make a little speech during the week; but the week has passed away without my getting a chance to do so; and now my interest in the subject has passed away too - Your second and third letters have been received since I wrote before. Dear Eddy ~~thinks~~ thinks father is "gone tapers" Has any further discovery been made as to the breaking into your grand mother's house? If I were she, I would not remain there alone - You mention that your uncle John Parker is likely to be at Lexington - Don't forget to present him my very kindest regards -

I went yesterday to hunt the little plain stockings, as you wished; but found that Mr. Knight has quit business, and Allen had not a single pair of the description you give, and only one pair plain pair of any sort that I thought would fit "Eddy's dear little feet" - I have a notion to

make another trial to-morrow morning - If I could
get them, I have an excellent chance of sending
them - Mrs. Warner Chittall, of St. Louis is here -
She is to leave early this week, and to go by Lexington -
She says she knows you, and will call to see you; and
he voluntarily asked, if I had not some packages
to send to you -

I wish you to enjoy yourself in every possible way;
but is there no danger of wounding the feelings of
your good father, by being so openly intimate with
the Wickliffe family?

Mrs. Broome has not removed yet; but she thinks
of doing so to-morrow - All the household - or rather, all
with whom you were on decidedly good terms - send
their love to you - The others say nothing -

Very soon after you went away, I got what I think
a very pretty set of shirt-bosom studs - modest little
ones, yet, set in gold, only costing 50 cents a piece, & \$50
for the whole -

Suppose you do not prefix the "Hon" to the ad-
dress on your letters to me any more - I like the letters
very much; but I would rather they should not
have that upon them - It is not necessary, as I suppose
you have thought, to have them to come free -

And you are entirely free from headache? That is good.

- good - considering it is the first spring you have been free
from it, since we were acquainted - I am afraid you will
get so well, and fat, and young, as to be wanting to marry
again - Tell Louisa I want her to watch you a little
for me - Get weighed, and write me how much you weigh.

I did not get rid of the impression of that foolish
dream about dear Bobby, till I got your letter written
the same day - What did he and Eddy think of the
little letters father sent them? Don't let the blessed fel-
lows forget father -

A day or two ago Dr. Strong, here in Congress,
saw to me that Matilda would visit here within two
or three weeks - Suppose you write her a letter, and
enclose it in one of mine; and if she comes I will
deliver it to her, and if she does not, I will send
it to her -

Most affectionately
A. Lincoln

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