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My Dearest Ben

By this days dispatch you will receive the print of Henry Clay I spoke to you about, which I hope will arrive in good order, and that you will give it a place in your Library, as I know you loved the Person in whose honor it was printed. Henry Etting has been here for a short visit he looks well, and found Meriam better, in proof of which she dined with him at the table at Mrs Griffith; as well as at his friends during his stay he told me he went to see Lizzie White at Washington found them in a small house

plainly furnished for the
winter, as the one broken
for them would not be finished
before the Spring. he thought
Lizzie looked very well & cheer-
ful - her child also in good health.
Lee not so bright as he had been
accustomed to see him - he did
not see any of the Silver Spring
family - except Montgomery. Mary
was only a few days in Washington
and was not able to go out to see
Mrs Blair - Lizzie told him they
were well - we have had no letters
from Mary Riggs - since her illness
but heard she has recovered.
through one of Mr. R's correspondents
I wish poor Mary was in this coun-
try I believe they would all be
happier & better, in private life
at home & her children get

arranging her aged sister for a
drive - and Saml Rust, who
was intened yesterday from his
Naughlens nurse - The Williams
have been in town about a week
The lovely weather must make
dwellers in the country unwilling
to leave it - even my letters from
Canada speak of the beautiful
Autumn, I do not think Mr Josephs
new nurse will be ready for them
for another month, I should not
be sorry or surprised if they did
not get into it until the spring -
Give my dear love to Ann and
the sweet Girls - also to all your
sons & their wives, every day I have
intended to write to Minerva & Laura.
They will come in time, God Bless
you my own precious brother - Maria
& Julia send love - mine is ever in your
keeping - Adieu RB