

It was a great happiness to hear
 from you my Dear Brother at a time
 when we know how troubled you are
 about the state of our country and
 the uncertainties that people and
 agitate your community - it is bad
 enough here where every day's ac-
 count is of war & outrages incident
 to war but the minds of the people
 are made up and their energies now
 all directed to one point while
 you have to struggle and keep watch
 over the disaffected - May God watch
 over the Union and help those who
 labor for its preservation - Lizzie
 Lee & her boy left us this morning
 she left her husband at Brooklyn
 on the point of sailing a week ago
 but he had been detained longer
 than he expected and she went
 home to day taking Miss Leach with
 her, her sister Mrs James Blair
 was her family at Bethlehem for
 the season, or until Washington is
 more quiet & safe - Henry Estlin goes to
 sea also, in the Colorado, stopping at Boston
 all the other able men of the family
 are dwelling in the "home ground"

and carry away in the western army
Kaps our ratted shoe in all
quarters. we do not know where to
place Howard - he went away six
weeks ago. he said to return in a few
night to take Miss Logan home -
his letters were sent to Berlin Co.,
at his request - but none have ar-
rived recently. and not knowing
Miss Logan's address can not tell whether
she is waiting for him, or gone by some
other opportunity I thank you my
Dear Ben, for wishing to pay us a visit.
but indeed I would not have you
undergo the pains & anxiety of a journey
or have you absent from your family
on any account. Thank God, my health
is good and my strength rapidly
improving - I walked a few squares
yesterday without fatigue. and when
the weather is fair hope to resume my
habit of daily exercise. Major Mac-
-donald's family are at present at
Dr Hays' not yet determined whether
to take lodgings in the country for
the summer, or a small winter
town & get settled at once - it is a
hard condition they are reduced to.
but they all bear it wonderfully
well, considering the change from

God Bless you my Dear
Mother, ever with devoted
affection your own Albany

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