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like when I had a small perturbation of
the kind of whom I mention, & my opera glass
which I showed him how to use) on Saturday
I engaged me most happily, & really was quite
amused in his exhibition of dexterity
The other made Emma & my friend both to
the other 2. I. & my (the general
name comes off a he to be later on to take
to the

This is the 4th letter
I have written you
this week
Agnes Maria Hanson
Friday May 25th 1850.
Nothing from you my dear
Father since Tuesday. But a letter
received this morning from
Pass just advises me that you
are well, & that Mr. & Mrs. Child
with Boston Childs & yourself
on Wednesday. I was delighted
to find that you had been

to take me the side with such lakes &c. &c.
The architectural were in a taste elegance
spread out in the dining room. The same
as double, & the dining had in the back
porch. It was altogether, one of the most
charming, & brilliant parties I have ever
attended. The Japanese appeared much
pleased with every thing! The young Prince

so well entertained -
The Duke de Sombour's Palace
which I wrote you was to come
off on Tuesday, was really charming
& elegant. The garden which
is very pretty, was thrown
open, & beautifully joyed up,
a tent at the end had
ices, & strawberries, & an
area had been (the back looks)
with bright chairs, & jotted
with lounges, chairs &c. &c.

Chung King, & saying something gratifying, &
flattering. He speaks of you in honorably &
the most complimentary, & early appropriate
manner. Then my father asks the about my
leaving, he brushes them, & the light as what.
"He is not going for some time, I cannot possibly
get along without her, & that is fixed, her father
has her all the time, & our family will spare her
to me for two little while, than I to wait her."
Father

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Father is to be seated between
Mrs, & declared that I shall
be, but I am petting you
& "native American," the one
side of me. She says, I shall
have Mrs Japanese, & to the
war is going; how we will
settle it, remains to be seen.
I will write you an account
of the dinner, which will
I am sure be very amusing.
He

Mr Buchanan is very anxious to see someone from
good Champagne, & said he would get you to buy
some for him, as he is not satisfied with what
he finds in Washington & as he is ^{coming} Saturday
& about time ^{coming} & he approached Mrs. McKim
Washington & present. I think you would send
him, & Meyer, both in a basket, & if he likes it
he can order more. I think it would please
him, & he is to send, & is wished to me.
Always

He suggested to Mr Buchanan
that it would be considered a
mark of distinction by the
Ambassadors, if they were placed
on either side of him, at the
table, whereupon he threw up
both hands, & exclaimed, that
he would not be paid to do it.
As he will be greatly amused
as usual between two separate
ladies, whilst - Father, & I
entertain the "No Harm's".
Mr

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Matthi moves her box, &
tells me to say, "that in
your letter you consented
to my staying a month
longer, & that she shall
consider your professions
as empty words, if you
violate that promise: but
that at all events you are
not to come for the next
two months (Saturday) week,

I think you are to come here & stay with my
that the bill is ~~to be~~ ^{to be} ~~referred~~ ^{referred} to the
more to come later. I am however ~~at the~~
hospital near ~~the~~ ^{my} ~~San~~ ^{San} ~~Francisco~~ ^{Francisco}
H. Tuesday Pradan ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~San~~ ^{San} ~~Francisco~~ ^{Francisco}
& on Wednesday, ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~San~~ ^{San} ~~Francisco~~ ^{Francisco}
which is perfectly ~~correct~~ ^{correct} & all my
wrote to the you, as I have ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~write~~ ^{write} you
besides other additional ~~business~~ ^{business} to carry some

Executive Mansion Washington
Friday May 25th 1860

Nothing from you my dearest Father since Tuesday, but a letter received this morning from Puss gross assures me that you are well, & that she & Lon dined with Brother Shields & yourself on Wednesday. I was delighted to find that you had been so well entertained.~ M^{me} De Limbourg's Matinee which I wrote you was to come on Tuesday, was really charming & elegant. The garden which is very pretty, was thrown open & beautifully fixed up, a tent at one end had Ices, & strawberries, & an area was lined (the brick walls) with bright chintz & filled with Lounges, chairs & etc... a table one one side with punch cakes etc.~ The substantials were on a table elegantly "Spread out" in the dinning room. The house is double & the dancing was in the back parlor, it was altogether, one of the most charming, & brilliant parties I have ever attended. The Japanese appeared much pleased with everything. The young prince with whom I had a small flirtation by the aid of dumb motions & my opera glass (which I showed him how to use) on Saturday recognized me most [illegible] & really was quite animated in his expressions of satisfaction. The others made solemn, & dignified bows to both Hattie & I.~ Today the grand dinner comes off & he is to take me to table. Hattie is to be seated between two, & declares that I shall be, but I am petitioning for "A Native American," on one side of me, She vows. I shall have two Japanese & so the war is raging; how we will settle it remains to be seen. I will write you an account of the dinner, which will I am sure be very amusing. We suggested to Mr. Buchanan that it would be considered a mark of distinction by the Ambassadors, if they were placed on either side of him at the table, whereupon he threw up his hands & exclaimed, "that he would not be paid to do it," so he will be quietly ensconced as usual between two agreeable ladies whilst Hattie & I entertain the [illegible].~ Mr. Buchanan is very anxious to procure some good champagne, & I said he would get you to buy some for him, as he is not satisfied with what he finds in Washington & as his birthday came a short time since, & he reproached me laughingly with not making him a present. I wish you would send him a dozen bottles in a basket & if he likes it he can order more. I think it would please him & he is so kind, & so devoted to me, always doing, & saying something gratifying & flattering. He speaks of you constantly in the most complimentary, & really affectionate manner. When any visitor asks me about my leaving, he hushes them, & me right up with "She is not going for some time. I cannot possibly get along without her so that is fixed, her Father has her all the time & can very well spare her to me for this little while, when I so want her."~ Hattie desires her love, & tells me to say, "that in your letter you consented to my staying a month longer, & that she shall consider you professions as "empty nothings, if you violate that promise; but that at all events you are not to come for me until tomorrow (Saturday) week & then you are to come here & stay until Monday.~ That she will be seriously displeased if you dare to come earlier, I am however at your disposal dear Father any day after Wednesday. On Tuesday Madam [Bodisco's?] wedding comes off & on Wednesday, we have music on the grounds, which is perfectly lovely. Please bring a large trunk with you, as I have all my winter furs besides the additional dresses sent me, & want you to carry some of them home.

Best love to all from yours most affectionately,
Lily.~

P.S.- Hattie sends you a flower how tender! It means preference.~

This is the 4th letter I have written you this week.
[*written across the side of the first page*]

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