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Lather desired me to give her love, & say "that she is  
indignant that you took no notice of her message to you  
the other night. Understood speak treatment." —  
all we know. What you to do tell me. I think you  
ought still answer my promise. I am very glad  
to hear that you have made a book, & would like that  
you give me <sup>the</sup> second copy. I will keep them & soon  
will send you <sup>the</sup> first. I have very little  
news at present. The little health. The will have to  
be

Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> 1830.  
Ezekieline Garrison

I mind of yesterday. Dearest  
Sister just received a letter  
making my brother for the  
McAdams, I hasten to acknowledge  
it. The President is to give  
away "the fat Presidents," we have  
had a great deal of fun with  
him about it. As you "his party  
her herself" that is as you  
imagined

Gathering in at my White. The grounds are  
to be so beautifully fitted up, & her house is  
very handsome, standing in the Morning bound-  
ary. I wish you were here to go to it - Saturday  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. & Mr. Bradburn your friend  
make up a party for me, & it will be  
all in a grand old place, full of interesting relics  
&古董. Have you ever visited it.  
I hope.

Mahomed utterly stunned.  
He heard that she had  
said Mr. & Mrs highly amased.  
She is a character, & very  
entertaining, she took tea with  
me on 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday evening, & was  
full of words, gossip as usual.  
The wedding is at 12. M<sup>r</sup>. &  
M<sup>r</sup>. S. Mrs. Shill has a  
so called. Bratnie, which  
will be, it is said, the most  
elegant affair given in  
Washington.

In this neck was about forty  
head. The bullion bushes are ripe,  
& I will look after the clothes if  
possible, & Father meet Ezra  
to. I understand that General  
Armistead disgraced Douglass  
much. Strange to say I have  
seen him but once, & then at  
a distance since I have seen him.  
But I always speak of him, in  
terms of personal kindness  
to every one. I will try to write  
Annie by this evening. Mail if  
possible

possibly, should I not accomplish it, she  
must remember how much my time is engaged  
& pardon me. Your letters fill up all the  
blank moments; I wrote you five times last  
week. A note from Isobel Wm<sup>t</sup>s arrived last  
evening, gives a glowing account of your dinner  
with which she has charmed. How & all  
I had ever affectuously,  
Sily ✓

I shall be constantly engaged  
this week, that the opportunities  
for writing will be rare, & if  
so if you think this letter will  
would interest John or Emily  
please, let them read it. I say  
to the former, that I will try  
to supply to her friend letters if  
possible which were much  
enjoyed & appreciated.

most

most understand that only  
part of time will pass till  
Madam Bodister is to dine here

To day.

Lily.

I am rejoiced to find that  
the old person accepts entreaty

Tuesday May 29<sup>th</sup> 1860  
Executive Mansion

Yours of yesterday dearest Father just received & before making my toilette for The Wedding, I hasten to acknowledge it.~ The President is to give away "the fat widow," & we have had a great deal of fun with him about it as for "his wanting her himself," that is, as you imagined utterly absurd: he heard that she had said so, & was highly amused. She is a character, & very entertaining, she took tea here on Sunday evening, & was full of news, & gossip as usual. The wedding is at 12 no. & at 5 Mrs. Slidell has a so called Matinee, which will be, it is said, the most elegant affair given in Washington in a long while. The grounds are to be beautifully fitted up, & her house is very handsome, dancing in the drawing rooms.~ I wish you were here to go to it.~ Yesterday we drove to Arlington, Mrs. Mason your friend made up a party for me, & it was charming. It is a grand old place, full of interesting relics & associations. Have you ever visited it? Hattie desires me to give her love, & say "that she is indignant that you took no notice of her message to you she does not understand such treatment."~ Let me know what day to expect you, & I think your trunk will answer my purpose. I am delighted to hear that you have found a house, & much indebted to you for acceding to my request to keep them in town until my return.~ Mrs. Nilling I dare say, feels relieved at Mr. Schott's death, you will have to be discreet now about visiting her. The butter kettles are safe, & I will look after the cloths if possible, or rather direct Eliza to.~ I understand that Lincoln's nomination disquieted Douglas much, strange to say I have seen him but once, & then at a distance since I have been here, but I always speak of him, in terms of personal kindness to everyone.~ I will try to write Aunty by this evenings mail if possible, should I not accomplish it she must remember how much my time is engaged & pardon me Your letters fill up all the vacant moments : I wrote you five times last week.~ A note from Isabel received last evening, gives a glowing recount of your dinner with which she was charmed. Love to all.

Yours ever affectionately  
~Lily

[the following is a smaller note included with the letter]

I shall be so constantly engaged this week, that the opportunities for writing will be rare, & brief so if you think this letter would interest Julia, or Aunty please, let them read it, & say to the former, that I will try to reply to her kind letters if possible which were much enjoyed & appreciated, & she must understand that only want of time will prevent me. Madam [Bodisco?] is to dine here today.

~Lily

P.S.- I am rejoiced to find that she and [*illegible*] continue.

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