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There we had a nice little dance, and many
we were at a little company at Mrs. Brown's
& so they we had a large dinner at home.
Mr. Scott & his lady, Mr. Pease, & most of the
gentlemen, Commodore Tabell are among the
expected guests, 36 in all to Monday the
fourteenth, it is expected will be more, in
Thursday

I send you the
one that I
Mr. Leveson Davis' ^{my} fall
to
Anne, I
Washington
May 11th 1850.

its melon. My dear Father
just received. Thanks for the
I am sorry you had such
unpleasant weather for your
trip to New York. Did Commodore
Peeterson take his whole
family with him? I had
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very select - & the most courteous gentlemen and
agreeable - He took Father to dinner, & the
Prussian Minister took me & Commodore Satchel
Mrs Buchanan. Gen Scott was there. See Poole
& Mrs Breckinridge, the Spanish Minister, &
a number of other distinguished persons.
In the evening we went to a party given by
Mrs Lewis, & Mrs Taylor. Which was delightful.
I then

is shocked to hear of Dr
Henry's loss, it must have
been a fearful blow to his
poor wife, who was certainly
devotedly attached to him.
Dr Jackson too is I fancy much
grieved. This has been a
very gay week, the dinner
at Lord Lyons was charming
the table arrangements all
very elegant, the company
consisting of 21 persons.
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I have been jammed in the floor line lately,
having reached the body projects on Friday
and another on Wednesday. The firm Mr
Thompson, of Southampton (our Consul) and Mr
John Vincent Smith of the Army - are to bring
Dr. B. M. & John. Mrs. Gilpin, & the goods. I
shall send Mrs. Jones, Mrs. A. K. & Mrs. J.
Thanks to Mr. Ellis, for sending me the papers.

Wednesday, the President
probably will receive them -
but the programme has
not yet been decided on.
I will go keep you posted.
To day we are going under
escort of the officers, in
charge, to see the State of
apartments prepared for
them. which are said to
be splendid. - The
President

For Brown, was here for several days, &
we saw a great deal of him. he is exceedingly
agreeable & entertaining. He appears to estimate
Hathie greatly. He has had some sickness & the
thought he had broken very badly. — I
later from John compared your report as to
the children's having the whooping cough but
the season is favorable & I hope they will run it
lightly.

President thinks the Convention
at Baltimore has made
a great mistake in not
nominating Gen Houston.
Who would have made a
good man. Bell he does
not consider a popular
man, & he told me what
I never before heard, that
he worked hard, did
you know it? — John
van Buren

The Executive Mansion Washington
Friday May 11th, 1860

Your letter of yesterday with its enclosure my dear Father just received thanks for both I am sorry you had such unpleasant weather for your trip to New York. Did Commodore Stockton take his whole family with him? I was so shocked to hear of Dr. Henry's loss, it must have been a fearful blow to his poor wife, who was certainly devotedly attached to him. Dr. Jackson too is I fancy much grieved. This has been a very gay week, the dinner at Lord Lyons' was charming the table arrangements all very elegant the company consisting of 21 persons, very select & the host, Courteous gentlemanly and agreeable. He took Hattie to dinner & the Russian Minister took me & Commodore Tatnall Miss Buchanan gen. Scott was there Vice President & Mrs. Breckinridge, the Spanish Minister & a number of distinguished persons. In the evening we went to a party given by Mrs. Lewis & Miss Taylor which was delightful, where we had a nice little dance. Last evening we were at a little company at Miss Wilson's & today we have a large dinner at home. Gen. Scott & his aide Col. Heyes, a most agreeable gentleman, Commodore Tatnall are among the expected guests, 36 in all. On Monday the Japanese, it is supposed will arrive, on Wednesday the President possibly will receive them but the program has not been decided on I will go keep you posted. Today we are going under escort of the "officers in charge" to see the suite of apartments prepared for them which are said to be splendid. The President thinks the Convention at Baltimore has made a great mistake in not nominating gen. Houston who would have made a good man, Bell he does not consider a popular man & he told me what I never before heard that he drinks hard, did you know it? John Van Buren, was here for several days, & we saw a great deal of him, he is exceedingly agreeable & entertaining. He appears to admire Hattie greatly. He has been very sick & she thought he was looking very badly. A letter from Julia confirms you report as to the children's having whooping cough but the season is favorable & I hope they will have it lightly. I have been favored in the floral line lately, having received two lovely bouquets on Tuesday and another on Wednesday, one from Mr. Thompson, of Southampton (our Consul.) And two from Lieut Michler of the Army. Love to Aunty & Brother & John, Mrs. Gilpin & the Gross'. Hattie sends love.

Yours, ever affectionately,
Lily.~

Thanks to Mr. Ellis, for sending me the Papers'.~

P.S. - I send you the Constitution with Jefferson Davis' speech in full. Remember me to Annie & James. [*Written across the top of the first page*]

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