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of instruction in this country. I believe in
to-day's "Constitution" with a pretty sharp note
of Mr. Everett's speech which Mr. Everett
has in the world could he have been guilty
of such bad taste? - He was all surprised
at Mr. Everett's accepting the nomination for
Gen. President: - The Fort Greaser at Fort
Mr. Foster has been discovered to be a defector
to

Everett's Administration
May 13th 1860.

My dear Father,
I wrote you
quite a lengthy epistle on
Friday, and was sure, with
it send a few lines to show
that I was always thinking
of you, amid all my engagements,
I was large service to the
day

is which is to cure the Japanese, or they
certainly would mistake Gen Scott for the
great man of the nation. He laughed, & said he
I have a delicious gown that Gen Harney gave
me, perhaps that would do. But afterwards
concluded, that for him to be in plain black,
in the midst of all the Majors, would
show them, that simplicity, was ~~the~~ a mark
of

My visit, was charming.
The guests were 36, in number,
among them Gen Scott in
full uniform, Rogers, &
Langdon to be told, Chace, &
Wood & all complete!
After the company had dispersed
the President went up to another
a cigar in his office, & I wrote
him, for a chat. I told him
he would have to get up
some out of ~~the~~ uniform
in

nothing to find. "Well you must ask him to come
a letter a family dinner with us, & we will make
you a dinner, who has just arrived to"
The package by express came safely to hand
on Friday, thanks for the same to you & Aunt
& Annie, as all I have had a hand in
despatching it. - I rather desire much love,
from
your ever most affectionately
Sily L. Wallster.

To the amount of the London
and fifty six thousand
dollars, & the Post office there
was yesterday placed in the
hands of the Federal government
agents, and on for the purpose.
The President, & Mr. Holt
are greatly interested about
it. - Your friend Steinbocker
is here trying for the
mission to Guatemala.
I thought

As I did also, Mr Taylor, & I think -
but I have decided on Friday, & to be
certainly well he is coming to go to -
church with me this morning. I have
been kind Mr Buchanan is, all the time, as soon
as I was turned on Friday evening, that I had
a visit from my friend Mr Gardner that
morning.

strongly backed by Gen
Lanc. But he will not
get it - Emily Padmalader
& Mr. & Mrs George Bright,
were at Father's reception
yesterday, they were all
staying with Mrs Palmer.
Emily looks wretchedly -
Mrs Play was also here, &
asked for you very kindly
as

Executive Mansion
May 13th, 1860

My dear Father,

I wrote you quite a lengthy epistle on Friday, and now merely wish to send a few lines to show that I am always thinking of you, amid all my enjoyments. The large dinner on the day I wrote, was charming. The guests were 36 in number among them gen. Scott in full uniform, gorgeous, & dazzling to behold, [Chapean?] Sword & all complete! After the company had dispersed The President went up to smoke a cigar in his office, & I with him, for a chat. I told him he would have to get up some sort of uniform in which to receive the Japanese, or they certainly would mistake gen. Scott for the great man of the nation. He laughed, & said "well I have a dressing gown that gen. Harney gave me, perhaps that would do, but afterwards concluded, that for him to be in plain black in the midst of all the uniforms would show them that simplicity was a mark of distinction in this Country. I enclose you today's "Constitution" with pretty sharp notice of Mr. Ingersoll's speech, which it merited, how in the world could he have been guilty of such bad taste? We are all surprised at Mr. Everett's accepting the Nomination for Vice President. The Post Master at New York, Mr. Fowler, has been discovered to be a defaulter to the amount of one hundred and fifty-six thousand dollars, & the Post-office there was yesterday placed in the hands of The Federal Government agents, sent on for the purpose. The President & Mr. Holt are greatly displeased about it. Your friend Steinberger is here trying for the mission to Guatemala & is strongly backed by gen. Lane, but he will not get it. Emily Padnalader & Mr. & Mrs. George Blight were at Hattie's reception yesterday. They are all staying with Mrs. Palmer. Emily looks wretchedly. Mrs. Clay was also here & asked for you very kindly as did also Mr. Taylor & others. Col. Hardee arrived on Friday & looks remarkably well, he is coming to go to church with me this morning. To show how hurried Mr. Buchanan is, all the time, as soon as I mentioned on Friday evening, that I had a visit from my friend Col. Hardee that morning he said, "Well you must ask him to come & take a family dinner with us, & we will invite gen. Johnston, who has just arrived too." My package by express came safely to hand on Friday, thanks for the same to you & Aunty & Annie, as all I believe had a hand in dispatching it. Hattie desires much love, yours ever most affectionately,

Lily L. Macalester.

P.S. Love to all the family.

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