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sent by books, & signed. As I general times had
the whole of them lying here heartily. The President
complimented me with a very pretty present, & said it
was the most remarkable ~~of~~ exhibition he had
ever witnessed, & that he thought no other woman in
the United States could have accomplished it so successfully.
I was that with a pretty complement they brought
Hatter, Mrs Buchanan, & I each has a present,
consisting of an elegant box containing every thing
of Japanese. Miss Brooks, a General Jarvis of Brandon
Rich.

Eugenie Brandon
Saturday May 28th 1850.

Your letter of the 24th received
last evening. Dear Father, & by it
I was amazed to find that you
were going to Chicago, as it was
the first intimation you had
given of such a plan. I shall
of course be ready to return with
you any day to Chi. Although
I hope I can be at Madam
Bishop's wedding, on Tuesday.
& may you see that you
plan

The grand dinner to the Japanese, came off
yesterday & was a great success. The grand
treasurer, Mount Takara both me & the late
& the Prime Minister, Injoro, sat on my left. There
others were ranged about the end of the table & for
it also fell to my lot to entertain so that I was
talking & introducing to your men, all through the
dinner, not one of whom would speak a word of
English. - The Interpreter came up every little
while & I made him convey ideas which I carried
out

plan to remain until Wednesday.
I hope you did not send James
& the boxes up to Ferrisdale, to
day, as I certainly shall visit this
very much after I return, do you
suppose after copying in
the eye entire translation for
two months, & dashing about all
the time in the President's carriage,
& I am being myself down suddenly
to the humiliation of walking
the streets of Phil^a? I will soon
get James back into his old
habits of goodness. But pray do not
send him up for Boston
management when neither you nor
I, are there. - This of course between
ourselves

be determined by word of mouth, and eyes.
The wishes you to come for here Saturday & stay
until Monday, then you can take the Ball, & this
good, at the Relay House, in Chicago, & to go far
on your way, & that I can show whom you & look
this is Father's plan, mine is, however for you to
come, on Wednesday, & I will show what you or
Thursday or Friday, as I think I ought to be at
home, I think you are gone, although I hope I
home.

silk, which will certainly
be always a very agreeable
sawmill of their visit -
They were a very happy well bred
people, & show marvelled
at in comparing to our
usage. My friend the young
Prince Sitakara Jangra, is
very bright, & interesting, asked
me for my card, & to write my
name on it, & then gave me
his, complimented me through
the Interpreter on my dancing
at the

The Dutch Minister, & Altogether, we had give
a little pertation - He is a son of the richest
Man in Japan - Sunday Morning.

Your letter of yesterday reached Father just
received, & Father is sitting by me to send you a
message, it is "her love & thanks for the letter,
which she greatly appreciated. She has a great deal
to say to you about other interests, but expecting
to see you so soon, she will not write, but convey
her

Wishes are perfectly reliable. Still I am sure
you will be better satisfied, to leave if I am
at home, & you have been so kind, & so unselfish
about my visit here, letting me have the full
enjoyment of it, that I do not wish there should
be a drawback to the satisfaction of your trip.
How long do you expect to be gone? & what has
so suddenly determined you to go? Write a day what
day we may expect you here, & where I will
give you a warm
Sincerely,
Lily.

The Executive Mansion
Saturday May 26th 1860

Your letter of the 24th arrived last evening dear Father, & by it I was amazed to find that you were going to Chicago as it was the first intimation you had given of such a plan. I shall of course be ready to return with you any day to Phil^a although I hope I can be at Madam [Bodisco's?] wedding, on Tuesday & remain until Wednesday. I hope you did not send James & the horses up to Lewisdale today, as I certainly shall want them very much after I return; do you suppose after sojourning in the Executive Mansion for two months, & dashing about – all the time in the President's Carriage, I can bring myself down suddenly to the humiliation of walking the streets of Phil^a? I will soon get James back into his old habits of goodness, but pray do not send him up for Brothers management when neither you nor I, are there.~ This of course between ourselves. The grand dinner to the Japanese came off yesterday & was a great success. The great Treasurer, Moruta Okatara took me to the table & the Prince Stkaharo Jugoro, sat on my left, three others were arranged along the end of the table who it also fell to my lot to entertain. So that I was talking, & motioning to five men, all through the dinner, not one of whom could speak a word of English.~ The Interpreter came up every little while, & I made him convey ideas which I carried out by looks, & signs. I several times had the whole of them laughing heartily. The President complimented me extravagantly afterwards, & said “ it was the most remarkable exhibition he had ever witnessed, & that he thought no other woman in the United States could have accomplished it successfully.” Was that not a pretty compliment. They brought Hattie, Miss Buchanan, & I, each a present consisting of an elegant box, containing, every variety of Japanese nick nacks, & several yards of handsome silk, which will certainly be always a very agreeable souvenir of their visit.~ They are a dignified well bred people, & show marvelous tact in conforming to our usages. My friend the young Prince Stkahara Jugoro, is very bright, & interesting, asked me for my card, & to write my name on it, & then gave me his, complimented me through the Interpreter on my dancing at the Dutch Minister's, & altogether, we had quite a little flirtation.~ He is a son of the richest man in Japan.~ Sunday morning.~ Your letter of yesterday dearest Father just received, & Hattie is sitting by me to send you a message, it is “her love, & thanks for the butter, which she greatly appreciated. She has a great deal to say to you about other interests, but expecting to see you so soon, she will not write, but convey her sentiments by word of mouth, and eyes.~ She wishes you to come on here, Saturday, & stay until Monday, when you can take the Balt., & Ohio road, at the Relay House, for Chicago & be so far on your way, & that I can return next week.” This is Hattie's plan, mine is however for you to come down on Wednesday, & I will return with you on Thursday or Friday, as I think I ought to be at home, while you are gone, although Sophie & Annie are perfectly reliable, still I am sure you will be better satisfied, to leave if I am at home, & you have been so kind & so unselfish about my visit here, letting one have the full enjoyment of it, that I do not wish there should be a draw back to the satisfaction of your trip.~ How long do you expect to be gone? & what has so suddenly determined you to go? Write & say what day we may expect you here, & believe me – yours' ever lovingly,

Lily

P.S. Love to all~ [*written across the side of the last page*]

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