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To the names 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 way to express you, & I think you
think will answer my purpose. I am always glad
to hear that you have paid a horse & mule, & added
to you for according to my request to keep them in town
until my return. And nothing, I have any, feels
cheered at Mr. Schott's death, you will have to
do

Friday, May 29th 1850.
Executive Mansion

News of yesterday's great
earthquake just received & I am
making my efforts for the
relief, & hasten to acknowledge
it. The President is to give
away "the job orders" & he has
had a great deal of you with
him about it. As you "his hearting
her himself" that is, as you
imagined

Washington is a long while. The grounds are
to be so heartily plied up, & her house is
very handsome. I was in the morning soon -
I wish you were here to go to it - Saturday
or thereabouts. Mrs. Braxton your friend
made up a party for me, & it was charming.
It is the grand old place, full of interesting reli-
c. & antiquities. Have you ever visited it? -
Father

My friend Mr. Atwood
has heard that she had
died, & was highly amused.
She is a character, & very
entertaining. She took tea here
on Sat. Sunday evening, & was
full of news & gossip as usual.
The wedding is at 12. M. &
at 5. Mrs. Skell has a
so called. Ball, which
will be, it is said, the most
elegant affair given in
Washington

Re this week - was about visiting
her. The bath & bottles are safe
& I will look after the clothes if
possible, or rather must. Enza
to. I understand that Lincoln's
determination disgusted Douglass
much. Strange to say I have
seen him but once, & then at
a distance since I have been here.
Yet I always speak of him, in
terms of personal kindness
to every one. I will try to write
away by this evening mail if
possible

possible, should I not accomplish it, she
must remember how much my time is engaged
& pardon me. Your letters fill up all the
valuable moments; I wrote you five times last
week. — A note from Isabel wrote received last
evening, gives a glowing account of your dinner
with which she was charmed. Love to all

Yours ever affectionately
— Lily —

I shall be so constantly engaged
this week that the opportunities
for writing will be scarce, & hence
as if you think this letter will
would interest Julia, or Ann
please, let them read it, & say
to the former, that I will try
to reply to her several letters if
possible which were much
enjoyed & appreciated, & the
most

Must understand that only
part of time will pass on
Madam Bucher, is to time here

To day.

July.

I am rejoiced to find that
the old German Accis is continued.

Tuesday May 29th 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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