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2 American flag? 2 body little summer
horses, 2 carts with equipments, scattered
in all directions. The morning, was in the
morning hours. At midday the grounds were
thoroughly illuminated with different colored
lanterns. As it has bright moonlight in
reply it looked like a fairy scene.
The Japanese appeared to enjoy it
immensely.

Process returns
I wish Father
whom I must
be getting
this year
will please
I shall like
to meet both
about - I mean that
my dear friends that
beats me
be for
Why should have been
rather answered, but that
this last week has been filled
up by incessant engagements
as to leave me hardly a spare
moment yesterday morning
we attended Madam. Jackson's
wedding, which was crowded
with

English Amerson, a delightful & graceful young
woman - at the residence of the Hon. J. M. Schomburgk
went to a party at the residence of the Hon. J. M. Schomburgk
entertained until eleven o'clock
entertainment of the evening
house as very elegant & her groom to be
Mrs. Foxcroft's daughter, betrothed to
a bridge. Remembrance of the groom

with all the elite of
Washington; the ceremony
was performed in St. John's
Church & the bride was dressed
in a most exquisite frock
of blue silk with three
super front of Alençon lace
bonnet, a white & black
hat, & front lace mantle.
It was a perfect toilette &
she looked very handsome in
the face. Her is worn
in purple. The groom was in
full

home to go into her room, & he soon
a little while before noon, as this is
Sunday afternoon, & we have to be out
on the Stage, & in the gardens until
dark, so good bye. Thanks for your
inquiry that my friends must be tired
of me. Father's was in hospital - brought it
out. They were very opposite symptoms, & ^{some}
you, & will not let me speak of leaving, I shall
proceed

immensely. I had an
~~restless~~ ^{ecstatic} time. I need to
my heart's content, strolled
in the moonlight, and
but it is not worth while
to go into details, why I am
so sorry it is over.
I was so glad to learn
from Father's letter that
Flore was with you, I hope
she will stay until I return.
Did

Officers in charge of them & he
was your-Wheeler, & accepted for
them on the spot - & you are fully
committed - I suppose you are
about residing at the Convention
do not despise - So much - & that
has been obscuring to me for a half
hour

Did she bring little Dick?
Give her my best love, &
say that I was extremely
great pleasure in seeing
her again. I hope your
present guests will not
interfere with your plan
of receiving the Japanese.
As I mentioned your hospitality
intention to Capt. Lee,
one of the Naval officers
in



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Mrs Lathrop

249 N. 13th Street

Philadelphia

L.L.M.

Do you want any of
my Butter to day
Send word by James!



Executive Mansion
May 30th 1860

Your welcome note my dear Aunty should have been earlier answered, but that this last week has been filled up by incessant engagements, so as to leave me hardly a spare moment. Yesterday morning we attended Madam [Bodisco's?] wedding, which was crowded with all the elite of Washington. The ceremony was performed in St. John's Church & the bride was dressed in a most exquisite violet colored silk, with three superb [*point d'Aleuson?*] lace flounces, a white & lilac hat, & point lace mantle. It was a perfect toilette, & she looked very handsome in the face, but is enormous in figure. The groom was in full English Uniform, & a slight graceful young man.~ At 6 in the afternoon we went to a party at Mrs. Slidell's which continued until eleven: one of the handsomest entertainments I have ever attended. Her house is very elegant & her grounds, & Mr. Corcoran's adjoining, were connected by a bridge beautifully festooned with Japanese & American flags, & cosy little summer houses, & tents with refreshments, scattered in all directions.~ The dancing, was in the drawing rooms. At dusk the grounds were brilliantly illuminated with different colored lanterns, & as it was bright moonlight too really it looked like a fairy scene.~ The Japanese appeared to enjoy it immensely. I had an ecstatic time, danced to my hearts content, strolled in the moonlight, and – but it is not worth while to go into details, only I am too sorry it is over.~ I was glad to learn from Father's letter that Flora was with you, I hope she will stay until I return. Did she bring little Dick? Give her my best love, & say that I am anticipating great pleasure in seeing her again. I hope your present guests will not interfere with your plan of receiving the Japanese, as I mentioned your hospitable intentions, to Capt Lee, one of the Naval officers in charge of them & he was quite delighted, & accepted for them on the spot so you are fully committed.~ I suppose you are almost residing at the Convention. Do no dissipate too much. Hattie has been shouting to me for a half hour to go into her room, & lie down a little while before dinner, as this is Music afternoon, & we have to be out on the Piazza, & in the grounds until dark, so good bye.~ Thanks for your suggestion that my friends must be tired of me. Hattie was indignant enough at it. They evince very opposite symptoms, I assure you, & will not let me speak of leaving, I shall * however return with Father whom I am expecting this week.~ I will have so much to talk about, when I reach home that I shall hardly take time to breathe for a week.~

Love to all, yours ever affect...

Lily~

Hattie's best love. The President was quite pleased at your message.

* [*this portion of the letter is written across the top of the first and second pages*]

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