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Washington March 19. 1856

I was very glad my dear Alice to receive your letter on this my birth day & wrote you an answer at once to show you how much I value the proof of your affectionate remembrance. - It reminds me too of your affectionate & constant attention to our dear grandmother while she lived - which I know was a source of so much pleasure to her. - But I will not write to you today about painful recollections of what we have lost - but acknowledge how grateful I ought to be to find myself on the day I am seventy nine years old, surrounded with so many affectionate children and grand children to comfort and solace my age.

We were rejoiced to see your aunt
Sturgeson - and it would have given
us great pleasure if your dear father
& mother had permitted some of you
to come with her. I am truly sorry to
hear that they are both sick - but hope
from the appearance of this morning
that bright sunny weather is about
to begin. The walks here have become
very pleasant - and indeed have been
so, for some time when the weather
would allow you to go out. The Penn
sylvania Avenue is so dry that it is
unpleasantly dusty when the wind
is high. It however snowed here a
little while on Saturday morning
& yesterday morning also, but it soon
disappeared - and Saturday proved to
be so fine a day that Elizabeth & myself
walked to the Capitol, & to see Ambrose

See the Crocus's bright & blooming in
the grounds, & the early trees beginning
to show their buds. I think you
have nothing like this yet in Bel-
terre -

My health has improved a little
since I came here - and the seat, from
concern for the last fortnight has done
me good. But I am yet weak and
soon fatigued in walking - Your
aunt Ellen is much better & will
ride out today. The cold windy wea-
ther has prevented her from exer-
cising without in the open air. - Sophie
& Maria are well - and little Progeny
is well & as bright and good & amusing
as he can be. We shall keep your
aunt & treasure with us as long as
we can - for her visit is indeed a
pleasure & a comfort to us. - Give

My warmest love to your father
mother & sisters & brother.

Love Dear Alice
your affectionate Grandfather

R. B. Taney

Miss Alice D. Campbell
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