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Fauquier White Sulph. Springs  
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My Dear Fanny

I received your letter yesterday  
and am truly glad to learn from you  
under your own hand that you ~~are~~<sup>are</sup>  
will again ~~be able~~<sup>and</sup> bear little army -  
and that your dear mother, will now  
be able to exercise, and receive all the  
benefit she hoped for at New-port. - and  
I congratulate you on your new Pony  
and expect to see you quit a bold horse-  
man when you return to Baltimore.  
The only place where you can learn  
to ride, is in the country - For with all  
my desire to see you accomplished in  
all manly exercises, yet I have never  
wished to see you on horseback in Bal-  
timore, until your arm is stronger and  
you

your seat firm in the saddle. - Because  
I know from my own experience, that  
you are constantly in danger of being  
run against in the streets & in turning,  
the corners by drays, or heaves, or carts  
or some other vehicle - and when you  
get out of Town, even the gentlest horse  
is liable to be frightened by some rascal  
who is shooting at poor little sparrows  
or wrens by way of shewing that he is a  
Sportsman. But when you are now you  
have fine room to train yourself and  
to become acquainted with the traces  
& goits of your horse. But remember you  
must not be too ambitious of riding  
fast. - and never put your Pony to a gal-  
lop, until you feel quite at ease, and master  
of your horse at slower paces.

I am glad to tell you that we are all

improving. Elbert's eye is nearly well  
and she now walks about the ground  
every day - and is evidently gaining strength  
- and you would be delighted to see  
little Proser, who has got rid of the ugly  
boil that annoyed him, wandering about  
the beautiful shaded grounds at every  
hour of the day - and feeding the Dew out  
of his hand with crackers - By the bye  
while I am writing he has come in to my  
room with a joyous face to show me  
his brown linen Drip which your  
mother gave him, and which he has  
on today for the first time - and with  
which he is quite delighted - and when  
I told him I was writing to you, he said  
I must tell Army he would give her a  
Dew. - But I am afraid he will hardly  
be able to fulfil his promise - For a time

Deer wants not be a pleasant travelling  
companion in the cars when we re-  
turn to Washington - Your Aunt Lobbie  
is quite well.

Within the last week my own health  
has much improved. The weather for  
the last ten days has been very pleasant  
& I think the water is of much service  
to me - and I now walk a good deal  
and I am sometimes tempted to walk  
longer perhaps than I ought by the beau-  
tiful scenery about the place - I begin  
to hope that I may return in firmer  
health, than I was expected to be again  
when I left Washington - Miss Lizzy  
Nose leaves us tomorrow - we shall miss  
her sadly.

Tell your father I have received his letter  
- but it is hardly worth while to write  
to you and him by the same mail.

When

When do you return to Baltimore? I  
fear your father's business will call  
him back sooner than you ought  
to come, if it could be avoided -

We join in affectionate Love to  
you all - and I am Dear Tancy

your affectionate  
Grandfather

R. B. Taney

R. B. Taney Campbell

Newport

R. Leland

O. S. Maria Luffson was left - we were  
rejoiced indeed, when we saw in the Sun  
of the 6th that the Macedonia had  
arrived & all safe.