

Woodside. April 24th 1852.

Dear Betty,

After finishing the duties for Saturday morning, which I find quite fatiguing, although, confined to one room I sat myself to reply to your very welcome letter, I went up to Springfield on yesterday, found them all quite well and busy preparing for the coming season, Father & Mr Sinclair were still in Washington but expected back to-day or very soon, but I can tell you something more direct from them, Tom Cablett has just returned from Baltimore, saw them there, says

they are well and Father has given out
all hope of his military claim and
they will be at home next Tuesday
I feel very sorry for him for he was very
sanguine of success but it was what I
never expected him to get. I must
stop writing awhile to fix some work
for Adeline, did you ever try to teach
any one to sew? I find it very trying
I had much rather do it myself.

Eugenia showed me a dress on yesterday that
she had made herself and I think it
is done very well indeed. Lucy says she
is going to write to you very soon, her
children have the whooping cough, but
I hope it will not make them sick
cousin Mary Talliaferro's little boy is very
low with it the Doctors think it must
die cousin Lucy Montague's child too
has been very low with the same thing
but I hope it is better.

I went shopping last Thursday and conse-
quently have a great deal of work to
do so you must excuse a short letter.