

Mrs Gray
Sad Sale,
Fauquier County
Virginia

Swiss Hill, October 18th
Tuesday evening

I put off writing to you my dear Mother
expecting every day to see Cousin Sam, but the mail
this morning brought Lloyd a letter from home
from Washington so that long as this you have
seen since, I gave you the particulars of our
journey to Washington by the return track, the
next day Lloyd came down in the carriage
but the weather was so very uncertain that
we remained the next day, ^{the} child was very much
oppressed and suffered on the journey a good
deal but she is now quite well, having
a small cough however at night, but I
now think she has escaped the whooping
cough - I have made the most comfortable
arrangements I can for your papers, I think
will like his room, at any rate I will have
it warm and dry - When we get here we
found the ice house ^{had} cases in very much
which will retard our movements in that
matter - Mary sets up by the back
your horses which I like very much
and that Maria's dress mine was not done
so soft as to come by you if you can
bring it - do write me directly and
let me know when you will leave ~~the~~ hill
for Washington and when you get to

Washington - I shall rise in the morning early
to see if there is a letter from Louis & send
on any of your in the office - I felt so worn
out and tired that I did not stay for the first
week days after I got home but lay on the
bed for all the time I was at Washington
& sat up nearly all night with her, and you
know I was much disturbed before with
anxiety about her - I will try and get you
some caps made by the time you get here -

Uncle told me Grandpa had intended to
pay some days with him so I shall have time
to come to hear what you intend to do - I have
written to Miss Sprigg to have you some caps
made - write soon to our dear mother -
give my love to Aunt Maria and father
even your devoted child

Melanie Monroe Boyer
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