On seventh day, we called on Van Buren, the President who governs a very feeble empire — at the Pennsylvania Hotel, war, Harris, Comr. of Indian affairs, Henry Clay, & J. Q. Adams — I was sorely exercised in mind during this day & hardly dared to hope for the morrow. But the morrow came & with rich blessings in its train. The meeting in the Legislative Hall was all that I could desire — large — attended by the Pres., offrs. of Govt.; & members of both houses with many others. The claims of Christianity were pressed closely home on the intellect & the conscience — "I am the way the truth & the life". Nothing could exceed the order & attention which prevailed. Mr Clay was & J. Q. Adams was very warm after meeting. In the evening we had a large & flowing meeting at the Ch. Methodist Chapel Georg Town — & ended the day in sweet peace. Never have I known greater relief than in the morning meeting, which was in itself a gracious repayment for a trip across the Atlantic. This morning, a meeting with the scattered very few which hold to our principles at Washington — since then, a journey of 30 miles through an uninteresting country has brought us to this quiet abode — Bless the Lord for all his goodness!

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The Lord's mercies are indeed continual towards me — his compassions fail not — Our way is still mercifully made prosperous. Very comfortable was the quiet country resting place provided for us at Hannah Hoffman's, Green Spring. I spent the morning of 3rd day in writing letters to Bro Todd & Nathan Hunt — & in reading to those of my darling children which breathe just the spirit which I crave for them — In the aft. we had a good meeting with friends & their neighbours — the little meeting House being well filled — Some Hicksites — Again in a small village with the evening at N H's. Forty miles a stage with each of the three families then a drive of 14 miles over four roads, & a poor country brought us hither. The view of the Patapsco River, Chesapeake bay, & the City, as we approached it under the light of the bright evening sun, was striking & beautiful. Have a most comfortable home here — & we have been favoured with a very relieving meeting this morning — half public — in my Hicksites — I have ventured to appoint two public meetings, & am about to engage in a family visit — to the interesting flock here. My way seems remarkably made open before me, to my humble admiration. —

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