First day noon. The way has so far remarkably opened for the communications which I was desirous of making on the subject of West Indian freedom to several of the leading men of this country — Daniel Webster — John Forsyth Sec^y of State — J. C. Calhoun — a memorably interesting interview — Henry Clay (from whom after our sparring in print I parted in much friendship) & the President himself. It is more than I could have ventured to hope for — & an unspeakable relief & comfort to my own mind. Last 2d^d we attended the meeting of the National Convention for education. It was interesting & I made a few remarks on the use of the Holy Scriptures, in the popular schools. This morng. we have held an Epsem in our Chamber — Paul Mitchell, Wm Hart, & Mary Gillespie being with us. It was I believe, a good time.

2d. Day Evg.

Weakness of body & mind very much my portion — my heart weary. Last Evening we had an excellent meeting at Pellingpurchase's M.C. in Providence — Sarah Lippincott & others there. This day M. & I have been with the Speaker who did not spin the way for the use of the Hall of Rep. for an M.I. story — but was very kind — & the morning since has

been passed in the Senate where we conversed with many members & heard some good speaking especially Prentiss & Preston — also a little from Calhoun & Webster. I was glad to meet Mr Robson here — looking well & my letters from P. are cheering. I am good deal depressed — but scarcely know why. Perhaps we may be enabled to cheer up often all & so in our way rejoicing. What a favor that would be!

Seventh day. Washington

Our work here has been gradual & often to me very exercising; having response both to slavery & the West Indies; & the slave trade. We have had many interesting interviews with individuals. Have seen the President, three times, the Sec^y of Treasury Worthington with him, Mr Paulding, Sec^y of Navy, Joel Poinsett late Sec^y of War, Mr Forsyth Sec^y of State, Webster — Clay with whom we dined & have had long conversations. J. C. Calhoun, the Speaker, Southard, J. Q. Adams, Tillinghast, Dudley of Alabama, Cardinas, Hoffman, Mr Davis of Mass., Tallmadge, Mr Lawrence of Phila., Sec^y Fallmadge, Mr Lawrence Phila., Mr Lawrence Card for of Tennessee &c. — The subject of the foreign slave trade has been closely before us with J. Davis Forsyth Mr Dixon — & we have had the opp^y of examg & making our remarks on the bill about to be introduced into the Senate for repealing that evil. We have been daily except to day, in the Capitol,