attending the Senate & H. of Repr. to which we have had free access. Have made an acquaintance with many persons of worth or intellect. Altogether my view of the respectability of this legislature is considerably heightened. But the talent is diffused — as is the speaking. Not much of the deep concentrated strain of debate. I believe we could not have turned our work: & now we are quietly looking forward to its finale in a meeting for worship in the Hall of Repr. to morrow. I hope in a degree of reverent dependence on an Divine Guide & Helper. May we be enabled to fulfill the work, for Jesus's sake!

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I have indeed many mercies to record in the retrospect of the last 10 days.

The public meeting in the Hall of Repr. on 1st day 17th was largely attended by public men & others & was to our full relief & satisfaction. What think ye of Christ? Friendly greetings afterwards with Clay, Adams, Slade, Hoffman, Calhoun & others — & we left Washington that afternoon in peace. The memorial of friends of N. Jersey on the subject of slavery was the next day (contrary to the custom & decision of the House) received & referred to a Comte — which, I suppose may be traced to the softening effect of our visit. We went only Rail Car to Baltimore & held a large public meeting there that evening in the crowded Baptist Ho. Hall, the B. minister afterwards told us that a deep impression was made — "Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost."

Friends of Baltimore most cordial in their treating. Called on Chief Justice Taney — & in the Evening large circle at Sec. Ch.'s to whom was related the W. Ride. Day — The next day (3rd day 19th) to Philad. Hearty & peaceful reception at S. & H. Paul's my true home. 4th day Western Quarterly Meeting — dined at Wm Wistar's. Rest at home with LWH Hor Dons & the Fletchers — 5th day Newcastle & several calls with Mahlon Day — to Burlington — Evening with dear debilitated Dr Cox — afterwards at Stephen's very happily with A. Barker & Sus. Smith D. & R. with us at home. 6th day morning — Journey to New York. Interview with the tenderly mother of the deceased Mary Batchelor on board the boat. Warm & happy reception here — 7th day morning Good select meeting. Took my leave. Sat down tempted expression of hearty & articulate ordered — after which a few earnestly kind words especially a little sermon from Jacob Green — 2 sermons of select meeting. Meeting for Sufferings at night. First day was comfortable — Good large meeting. In upper room service devolved on Chas Osborn in the morning (quite satisfactory time) & on myself in the afn.