

Iowa City, Dec. 4th 1835

Dear wife, Well, I have got here at last, reached the city about noon to day. It had been the worst travelling I have ever seen in my life. I rode about 20 miles yesterday, & I believe I never made a horse so tired before. I do not remember that I was ever more nearly exhausted. The weather was as cold & blustering as the travelling was hard. I was about 10 hours on the road yesterday. I borrowed a good pair of over shoes of Mr. Taylor, I bought another pair of gloves & an India rubber overcoat. I after all suffered badly.

I wrote you a letter at Mr. Taylor's. Just a little town 3 miles north of Crawfordville found a man going to Mr. Pleasant & so sent the letter along to be mailed there.

I felt quite well yesterday & this morning, but feel quite well tonight.

I found Mr. Win. Libbottom & O. S. Miller waiting for me. Great importance is attached to my visit here, so what results will follow, the future must show. I have this P.M. been introduced to 4 times as many men as I shall remember Friday even. Now wife, what shall I say to you? I have written I thought I talked to Legislators upon my

superior when I have just closed a letter to Little
& Brewster & am tired. My health is good today,
I am very careful of my diet, I am careful to avoid excite-
ment. There is a movement on foot by some to give
up the Penitentiary at St. Madison & take or rather
locate it out West. I have been at work hard today
to stop the movement, or thwart it if attempted.
I try to be very candid & men seem to treat what I say with
much respect. As Simmons said, I was never treated
with more "solicitude" in my life. Mr. Greenwell is
here, a member of the Senate & Dr. Miller began to
speak to him about the wants of the Penitentiary. I told him
that I should be here on the subject, well said Mr. G.
I know Dr. Shedd, & if he is to be here, you need not
say a word, I shall believe what the Dr. says, I shall do
what he recommends. A good many seem to feel just so.
Mr. Miller says he is very glad I am here, & Mr. Winkler
pretends to think that I can do more than any other person.
Now, as I am introduced to them, often say I know the Dr.
by reputation. But I feel embarrassed by the present
movements there, are here to fix it so as to run me for
the office of Superintendent, I do not know what will
grow out of it. But enough on these topics.

How do you all get along? Are the children good & well?
Unless you write me before you receive this letter, I may
not receive any letter from you. I hope to get home next
week. Love to all. Yours & George,