

Clifton Grove Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 1854

Yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> was received Tuesday Evening, the Dr. is waiting while I write a few lines in reply; as he is going to Snow Hill and I want this to go in tomorrow's mail. I cannot tell you how much I thank you for the hope you give us of seeing you this Spring- the route from Washington is by steamboat to Aquire Creek- then by Railroad through Richmond, Petersburg, Weldon to Wilson (the last two places are in North Carolina) from there here, by private conveyance, about 23 miles, let us know when you will be in Wilson & the Dr. will meet you there. In New York you can get a through ticket to Weldon for 12 dollars, else it will cost you a thrice more, at Weldon you change cars & baggage, with your through ticket you can stop on the route wherever & as long as you please, or you can have your baggage checked through to Weldon & come directly on. The fare from Weldon to Wilson \$1.75. I cannot tell you the distance from Washington. We left Washington early in the morning, took a late dinner in Petersburg a late supper in Weldon & arrived at Wilson towards morning & the next day arrived here for a late dinner.

You will probably find us housekeeping on a small scale but independently, when you come, much I can assure you to my satisfaction & as far as I can judge of all concerned. I had rather leave all explanation till I see you, as you might gain wrong impressions. Suffice it to say that Ben's marriage seemed to make his Mother feel very differently towards him, but we both have the satisfaction of knowing she has never receive ought but respect from either of us. Ben sends his compliments & hopes to see you soon.

With love yours,  
Sarah