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Baltimore.

April 5. M.H.

My dear Jennie

I rather expected a note from you this evening but perhaps I was hasty in any hope, but tomorrow I shall expect to hear from you.

You must tell me all about your trip home. about Abbie, the hens etc.

Things are pretty much as you left them - except that "Chris." is gone home for ten days. I tried to dissuade him but with his usual want of reason, he pressed me to let him off.

Our friends are well and the Dr Father Eben Ady etc.

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that can occur, now must
arise out of the weather.
The intention is to go ahead!
I set - for certain reasons, a
very high price upon my
life, but I do sincerely hope
that, before our term expires,
a movement will be made
which will result in capture
of Richmond - though thousands
fall. In respect to those who die
it will be merely a ^{matter} ~~question~~
of time. They would 'over die
England'. In the world's economy
it will be all for the better.

I am very homesome, my dear,
and sometimes that inexpressible
sadness comes over me which
makes me seem to myself more
like an insane person than
"a reasonable agent in this awful
life - but Adieu Love -
Guiney.

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frequently speak of you and
wish to be remembered to
you.

How sadly, my dear Jennie,
all our fears were realized
in poor Lovell's case? Her
visit was not so pleasant to
herself or to us as it ought
to have been.

My health is now good, and
I hope you have fully recovered
your strength. Poor Henry is
sick again. Lucky time! Just
as Campaign is about to open.
He is going to Washington, and
I shall be alone again in battle
except the Adjt.-Gen., as usual,
is worth all the rest put
together.

It is raining very heavily
here and this may delay Gen.
Grant for some time, but I am
satisfied that the only delay