

Washington, April 17th/64

Dear Brother

I received yours of the 10 and was glad to hear from you the weather has been very bad for the last 3 weeks last Saturday night it rained very hard all night but I am quite lucky I have not been wet this winter, there is lots of fires here two or 3 every week on an average Mrs Lincoln has been sick for the last week so our drums had to stop

Playing till she gets better I heard about Mrs Forkin Death I dont think it would of hurt old Forkin to of hired barriages enough to carry the Mourners

I would of had some respect
for my Wife if she had not
been the best there ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~been~~
quite a flurry on the 8 of April
in the House of representatives
Mr Long from Ohio declared
himself in favor of recognizing
the Independance and nationality
of the so called Confederacy.
I would like to see him strung
up. the Copperhead Son of a Bitch
I was thinking about making garden
last month I just thought if I was
there I would of had Vines up
before this, the Peach trees are
in Blossom here. Tad has got
a nother Pony the nights are
quite chilly yet. I was up
to the Capitol to day but there
was not anything going on
for the Senate was not in session

if Mother will try the Plantation
Litters it will help her let her read
these accounts, and try one Bottle
it would be good for Grand Mother
give my love to all the folks
I will write soon again
from P. A. Cettin