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- re: Lincoln's 2nd draft

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Washington D.C.
Mar. 15th 1865.

Dear sister Mary.

I was somewhat surprised, on looking over my diary, to find a month has passed nearly away since I last wrote you; such is the case and now the only excuse I have to offer is, that my time has been so much taken up with other affairs that I have not had very good opportunities for writing letters. I did, however, manage to put in about 20 pages to a certain young lady friend of mine, since I last wrote you; you will probably be somewhat surprised at that as you know it is something

of a task for me to write letters even where they are very short ones; the 20 pages were written in two different letters so you see they were not of very great length. I suppose you don't care to know ~~who~~ the young lady is that receives so much attention from your brother. Therefore, I will not worry your patience with a description of the charming creature.

You have no doubt heard all the particulars of the inauguration so it will be needless for me to say much concerning it; the morning of the 4th was quite rainy but as Uncle Abe came out upon the steps of the Capitol, to be again sworn into the high office which he so well filled during the last four years, the clouds broke away and the

sun came out in all his splendor, making every one feel very enthusiastic indeed.

The offices were all closed so after the excitement here was all over with George and I left for Baltimore where we remained until the Monday morning following; we had a very good time with the young ladies. One object I had in going to Baltimore was to get me a suit of clothes as I could procure them there about \$20, cheaper than in this city. I also purchased a tall hat as I wished to be in fashion while I stopped in the city; as it is coming on warmer weather now it is the greatest desire for every one here to come out as neatly dressed as they can regardless of the cost. About five P.M. Geo. & I generally take a stroll down

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on the Avenue to see the fashion-
ably dressed ladies as they are
promenading the streets; very
soon now the parks will be
thronged with the gayest of
which the city affords and then
we will just feast our eyes with
beauty. These city belles are very
nice to look at but they do not
possess the attraction which
can fill my eye.

I found John Glin-
thorn soon after you wrote and
now we are quite intimate; he
lives only about one square from
here and last evening George &
I were there at his room & had
a good game of encheir.

I have written quite a number of
letters since the first of Jan. & have a
copy of all of them, but now the weath-
er is so pleasant for me to remain
in the house so my correspondents
must feel satisfied with short letters.
Love to all & write soon to your bro. Jno.