My dear Annie,

It is nine o'clock, as is my custom, here I am in my snug little room, delighted beyond measure with your letter of yesterday (23rd), which I got after waiting my impatience all the P.O. — even then I effected my entrance with ease, changing solely through a great big notice of "No Admission." The dear little letter now lying before me upsets me for my anxiety, it relieves me as you can well imagine of past concern.

The news of Baby Jane's improvement must now be all I lacked to complete my thankfulness to the Almighty for his special mercy, that being supplied I hope I shall my prayers tonight with a heart, not unmindful of his kindness.
and compassion. He has indeed seen
the merciful time to be used, for it is difficult to overestimate
the advantage of the battle of Manassas.

Richmond has been all along the
object of their attack. I was the
assailant by four columns, McDowell,
Bretts, McCllellands, &c.; the
1st pushing by Manassas, the
2d by Norfolk, the 3d by Salamander
& the 4d from Memphis up the
Smy 9 4 Town R. Road. Richmond
then was the object, the essential
object of the enemy. Be struck
at that as the very heart of the
"Rebellion." Without this nothing
could be accomplished, such is
their own conception by the magnitude
of their preparations. Well, how
they succeeded. McDowell has been
utterly routed & his rear lines
captured, sixty guns & bloody
the main stand of arms remaining.
than abroad. With Smith's plan
of the campaign broken up as it
is, I have shown you, until the lack
of organization began to
writhe the moral effect of this defeat
against them, until the daily
increasing conviction of foreign
sympathy in our behalf, until
a deplorable tendency to a demoralized Army. The cause of
Constitutional liberty has not
yet to find the ultimate result.

But the war is not at an end
yet. Sad as it is to think of it,
we must not disguise the fact that
the humane people of the North
of whom "allie" speaks, claim
for Union, which means
bitter repudiation. And they must
take the consequences. This the
Supreme decision of the result.
They have shown the ends how
vigorous our Nationality is, it is clear, the Nation born at Salem, baptized with blood at Narragansett, will be hailed by the great powers of Europe as a member of the family of Empires. This has constituted our reserve all the time. It is highly probable that we have more than ever. The popular fiction is, that Jackson forgot behind his back, left it at N.C., you know some vocally, but says the ladies do always, but we in reality are entwined with half of the great States, it behind that rampart can defy the combined power of the Continent. But we have a wall in our people, a wall of heroes, behind there there is safety. By the way, the Col. of the 11 & 12th. Regt. The farmer
11th Capt. To be remembered writing today, is a friend of mine the wife of my venerable sweetheart. I wrote you about the awl in Quakerbury, don't you remember? I can well understand the gravity with which you received the news. It is appalling to think that Christian men are capable of such things; but, the North, without their talk of liberties is free of justic hypocrisy, the breach is not in them. Of course I fear of the majority, for it would be illogical to assume that they are a minority of good men who cry out against this barbarous war.

But, to confess the truth Annie I feel badly ashamed that I also was not there. I have spoken true and feeling but have done no harm— you see I lay my heart bare before you and right deep from does it not belong to you? It those you are something— is it patrination of country pride? Let us hope that it is the former which prompts my regrets. There is a story which Connel so brought me lecture here today—which I must tell you. If there you the lessons of history kindly firm.

A company of ladies, and in this form in view of the army, accompanying it to Richmond. More than an hour sickly, I fancied that uncommonly group— it is they feared discipline, come from time to time that the Rebel had fallen back—that the point had been carried—that certain scout, officer had ignominiously surrendered without a blow, I large supply of fresh beef captured as the first occasion— that singing was abroad that Culpeper was taken. I only think, I doubtfully talked of hanging traitors to confining them.
When I! You came message to
haste with great joy. The message
came by score - by hundreds, by
thousands, horse foot - but we
did not proclaim a great victory
over them, in mad haste, with
Nelson - or they ran over
the fine ladies and amongst the fashionable
society and triumph when the
furious, foolish creatures, who
are only meant
disturb our lovely desires, has seen
both sides its thanks, men! - I
should be telling an uncle if I
said dear, my father.

The
first room of Clarence comes one
of their prisoner, party. - Uncle...
who tells me this is in the raging. That it
will go to the, in a few days to
Common with the influx, to the battle,
the fleet, I shall talk about Clay
with him common. And then good bi-day
Almased. Kings!