Woodside, April 22nd, 1852.

Dear Hetty,

After finishing the duties for Saturday morning, which I find quite fatiguing, although confined to one room. I sat myself to reply to your very welcome letter. I went up to Springfield on yesterday, found them all quite well and busy preparing for the coming season. Father's friends were still in Washington but expected back to-day or very soon, but I can tell you something more direct from them. Tom Catlett has just returned from Baltimore, saw them there, says
they are well and Father has given up all hope of his military claim, and
they will be at home next Tuesday.
I feel very sorry for him for he was very
sanguine of success, but it was what I
never expected him to get. I must
stop writing awhile to fix some work
for Adeline. Did you ever try to teach
any one to sew? I find it very trying.
I had much rather do it myself,
Eugenia showed me a dress on yesterday
she had made herself and I think it
is done very well indeed. Lucy says she
is going to write to you very soon, her
children have the whooping cough but
I hope it will not make them sick.
Cousin Mary Talliaferro's little boy is
low with it the Doctors think it must
die cousin Lucy Montague's child too
has been very low with the same thing
but I hope it is better.
I went shopping last Thursday and conse-
fsequently had a great deal of work to
do, so you must excuse a short letter.