

to have something done with it. I took the skirt to the dyers to be cleaned, they told me the cleansing, would not change the color at all but to my regret, when it came home, it was so much changed that it will not do to go upon the body at all. Mother suggested that I send it to you and I have concluded, to send it down tomorrow on the "Packet" to be kept until called for. If Peers or Willie Peers will go to the boat, I will be much obliged. I have not asked for Brother to go, because I know he has plenty to do.

If the body of the dress can be cleaned, so as to be like the skirt, without ripping it to pieces, I would like the body cleaned; but if it is necessary to rip the body to pieces, I will be much obliged to you, if you will rip it for me, and have the entire dress colored any pretty color, but several shades darker than the original color. I do not wish the trouble, of making up the dress again the same color, as it would soil so easily. I will try and buy a new piece of the same to have colored with the

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My Dear Sister Mary.

I have intended writing to you ever since you left us but have been delayed by multifarious cares. My health is quite reestablished to my great delight and unceasing gratitude. I sometimes feel as if a little suffering is good ~~for~~ for us, it makes us feel our dependence and humility so much more and if we are restored we have so much the more for which to be thankful.

This reminds me, We saw in the Gazette of yesterday as copied from the Memphis papers a notice of the serious illness of Rev D. Grundy. I have not heard any thing from his friends here. I do not know, if they have any information concerning him. I should feel very much distressed if any thing should happen to him.

Lizzie received your last letter on yesterday morning.