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Dear Daughter:

Thanks for your letter which I received this morning. I wrote a long letter (dictated) to Shippen yesterday, and asked him to pass it on to you. I have heard from him this morning and think that he will not receive my letter until sometime next week, as he and Esther are probably in Saunderstown by now. If you can fish that letter away from Washington Lane, please do so. I am so glad that you are thinking of going to Mabry for over Sunday; I wish I could join you in the Atlantic ocean. The Legislature adjourned at one o'clock today, and will not sit again until Monday night at nine. I cannot leave, however, for one never knows what may turn up, in a critical situation like this. So many things have turned up already, something fresh each day, that one is in a constant state of expectancy for more happenings.

Miss Ingham and Miss Katzenstein left yesterday but will be back Sunday or Monday. Mrs. Harmon leaves this afternoon but will also return on Sunday. I hope for a large delegation from Philadelphia on Monday to stay right thru the week, until Thursday or Friday according to which day the Legislature adjourns for that week. We have our plans all made in case of success, and I do not look for anything else but success.

Yesterday a lovely luncheon was given by the Central Suffrage League of Pennsylvania of which Mrs. Mabel Cronise Jones is president; this organization became affiliated with the N.W.P. two years ago, thru Mrs. Jones's interest and sympathy with our work. There are four hundred members and this is the only suffrage organization in this part of the country. It has been lovely for us to have their support here, and they are helping us in different ways.

I cannot tell you when we shall get thru our week here. The very earliest possible moment (and I do not think that it is possible) would be next Friday. However as the Legislature does not usually sit on Friday, I am not expecting to get away before the following Tuesday or Wednesday. The Legislature adjourns that week for good, on the 26th.

Much love to you dear daughter,

Mother

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Just after I'd written that about the unexpected I was called up from Washington Hdqtrs + told that the certified copy of amendment that [Jeliuis?] had voted on had a mistake in it - the word events having been substituted for intent - stenographer's error. I had this morning been talking to the dept as the Capitol about our bill + guarding against just that mistake, or mistake in punctuation (a wrongly placed or left out comma would invalidate the whole thing) - but I had not thought of making sure of the certified copy that had come from the State Dep't at Washington. They are mailing me a certified copy now + in the morn. I'll go up to the office of the Sec'y of the Commonwealth + have it compared by an expert with the cert. copy that was presented here in Senate + House last Sunday. Fortunately it won't hurt us if there is a mistake - it will only mean that it must be re-presented in both Houses. But poor [Jeliuis?] has lost her position as first to ratify I suppose. She'll have to do it over again.

The State Staff. are too funny. They go around looking as if something had disagreed with them, that they had eaten. Wont speak to me at all now.

We're being taken to the Organization's bosom. It gets funnier + funnier + is most exciting. Fancy Sen. Crow (he is all poorful, the leader under P.) coming here on which day sooner than he had intended on purpose to see your Ma. And Penrose - to see me again. And the appointment being made by the sec'y of the Senate the

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man who told me nine days ago that we would make a great mistake to take up ratification in this legislature - that it would jeopardize our chances with the next.

Of course one can't be sure of any of it. The only thing is we are so on guard that nothing can surprise us - but I think it is all as it seems.

I'm sure hair raisers to tell you. One especially when you + E.B. + Robert + I are at N. Brit. once more.

Your loving

Mother

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Object - To secure the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

SEC. 1 - The right of Citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of ssex.

SEC. 2 - Congress shall have power, by appropriate legislation, to enforce the provisions of this article.

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