

Washington D.C.  
February 18<sup>th</sup> 1869

Dear Anna:-

your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> just  
marked 27<sup>th</sup> Ult. about the sickness of  
Mrs. Love's children is before me. I  
very anxious to return home; but  
it is now certain no act of Congress  
will pass this session for my  
relief. Henry S. Washburn who has  
the bill in charge and who would  
do me any favor in his power told  
me this morning he saw no chance  
to get a chance to report the  
bill. I shall therefore remain here  
a month or two of the next session  
of Congress to start it again in  
good shape. This is the best I can  
do. Over 500 bills will be crowded out  
of a private nature to give time to  
perfect general legislation. It is even  
doubtful about all the general appropri-

