

Washington Apl. 30-1876

Dear Father;

Your letter contain-
ing intelligence of Mother's illness
received. I trust she has fully
recovered. Those gastric fevers
are dangerous.

I am writing from
Willards Hotel. Gov. Kellogg of
La. and myself left N. O. for Wash
on 22^d inst. ~~for~~ our trip is part-
ly for business and partly pleasure.

We are about setting up the pins
for next election.

Wash. has changed very
much since I visited the city
last - with the old sixth in 1861.

Investigation is the order of the day here. Belknap's impeachment trial is also going on before the Senate, or rather the question of jurisdiction is, and altogether matters are lively about Wash.

We visited the old homestead of Genl. R. E. Lee at Arlington today. You will remember the Government confiscated the property and located a National cemetery on the premises.

The place is beautiful and well cared for. Thousands of dead heroes sleep peacefully beneath the spreading branches of the grand old oaks.

"Sleep their last sleep
They have fought their last battle
No sound shall awake them
To glory again."

It is our intention to visit New York and transact some business in relation to Louisiana State Bonds. If we go, it will be about middle of ~~next~~^{third} week, and I shall take occasion to come on and see you. Lizzie and the boys will come on after 4th of July. Not so soon as intended.

Possibly the Governor will come on with me from N. York.

Love to Sadie, Frank and George also to mother. I do hope she is well again.

Yours most affectionately
Wm. Snow