New York April 22d 1865

Dear Jared

I suppose ere this you have heard of the horrible assassination of President Lincoln – it is just one week this morning since the terrible news reached us. and the city has been in mourning ever since – there has been little or no business doing the past week. the stores for the most part remaining closed, the streets present a sad appearance nearly every house & store being heavily draped with crape or white and black muslin, on many of the buildings are quotations from Mr Lincolns or crape stuck out

I shall endeavor to send you some of the back papers – so that you can see the feeling in which the news of the presidents murder was received by the people

It is almost impossible to obtain back copies of the newspapers & Mr Booth & Father wish to save their

I send you Frank Leslie's & Harpers & I am going out to see if I cannot find some weekly, that contains an account with all of the particulars

The Presidents body is to be brought here on Monday morning to remain until Tuesday the Seventh regiment act as guard of honor

speeches — New York has never seen such a time like this, there is such a gloom cast over the city, every one appears to be sad, and it is not unfrequent that you see men weeping as they walk along Broadway reading the mottoes on the buildings but you see in a majority of the faces a determination that we shall have justice.

Our house is very approbiately draped, the balcony & the marble pillars of the stoop being draped with white and black, the flag & flagstaff also covered with crape, Lizzie has in her room a fine picture of Mr Lincoln the frame being covered with crape & white flowers & green leaves the whole being surrounded by a beautiful flag the gift of Alis — This street was mentioned in the papers as being beautifully draped — it far exceeds the same length of any part of Fifth ave we were the first to commence the thing and every house followed within a day or two except Mr Chauncey & Mr Blackstone, but Mrs Chauncey managed to scratch up two small pieces of black muslin in her parlor windows last night & the Blackstones followed this morning, I do not know whether they were waited on by anyone or not. The time has now arrived here when no one dare talk treason for if ~~he does he~~ they do they stands a good chance of being strung up all the secesh have their flags

mother wished me to say
that Sam Clark is in the
City. mother gave him your
adress & he said he would
write to you, he has been
preaching in Rochester the
past winter filling a ministers
pulpit who was travelling
for his health.
Fanny Fisher has been spending
her vacation with us – she
went back to school yesterday
Wilford accompaning her
The night before she left, She
combed my head ~~her~~ for
me and did it very nicely
having had some experience
in combing yours she told
me, it appears to be a species
of employment that she takes
especial delight in, she wishes
you to write to her
Wilford has gone to Northford
to do some grafting and

look after the farm generally
he intends returning in a week
or ten days.
Otis has bought a pair of
horses & intends buying a
carriage I believe
Do you receive Harpers &
the Atlantic every Month?
John sends them but we do
not know whether you receive
them or not
Sophie goes to school and is
endeavoring to learn to write
so that she can correspond
with you. She sends her thanks
to you for the gold dollar that
you sent her, it pleased her
very much
I am sorry my letter did not
reach you. We all think that
you look very thin in the
likeness that you sent home
The family are all well
Grandmother Mother and all the
Family send much love
Charlotte wishes you to write
to her — hoping to hear from
you soon,

I remain your aff
Brother
Wm B Linsly

P.S. Write me what your
prospects are of remaining
on the river