

Marietta Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Dear Hattie,

With pleasure I received  
Mrs. Means's letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ult.

was happy to hear of your returning  
health, but do be careful not to expose  
yourself this cold weather: there is great  
danger for a number of weeks yet of your  
taking cold; you must sit up and act  
the Lady & be waited on.

Mary Loop talk'd about you last night  
after she got into her little bed; she  
hoped that you wouldn't be able this  
cold weather, to wash the children all  
over for some time, every morning; every  
Saturday night was after enough in her  
opinion, & I join'd with her. - She was  
very much pleas'd to hear of the Tea, she  
thought Uncle John wouldn't have to  
buy so much Tea, why it was enough to  
break him up a barrel of tea, it cost so much for  
each child, he would make enough at his furnace to pay for it.