

New Washington Dec 27th 1851

My Dear Mother

Pa's and Uncle Stephens
letter, by Mr Church was received, but not in person
which we much regret, Mr Morgan arrived at Seheston
a few hours before the boat left for Houston, which
they went up on, he was told that some gentleman
were in the City, from Kentucky, and had brought
letters for the family, Mr M immediately went
in pursuit, but did not have the good fortune to
find them before the boat, ^{they} ~~the~~ coming up the
Steam boat got a ground on Chappin's bar
nearly opposite our house, and laid ^{there} for one day
and night with these gentlemen on board,
the Captain would not consent to land them
ashore and I of course knew nothing of there
being there, or I would have sent our boat
for them to convey them to our home,
Col Morgan was in Houston, and told
me that he insisted upon their returning
home with him, but they declined, being
anxious to go west, Mr C, dined at Haristy's
I believe, they were all well there, when I
last heard from them, I suppose you have
received Cornelius's letter, Sister wrote me that