Mr. Schurz will leave for Columbus tomorrow on the day after, to canvass for the place vacated by the elevation of Mr. Chase to the cabinet. I hope he may be successful.

Robert and I room together.

George Schurz was here yesterday and today. He went home this afternoon.

It is now past one o'clock. In good night, my dear.

L. B. Brown

P.S. Had a talk with Chase this morning of opinion that he intends to support Green. Schurz & appose (I) will have a talk with Lincoln this afternoon. When I have heard the result of this, I will know better how the 'cause lie. - I have not time or space to add more but I will write tomorrow again. Your faithfully,

L. B. Brown.

Washington March 5th

My dear wife,

I hope I shall hear from you soon, and I suspect you will be quite as anxious to hear from me again, after you have received my last letter.

The inauguration as you have learned long ago, this passed off very quietly and without the least disturbance. There was a large display of military and a tremendous crowd of people. Upon the platform there was the whole body of foreign ministers. I had never seen them in their court costume and I regarded them with a very curious eye. How they looked, I shall tell you when I come home.
Everybody was armed, nearly, and the southerners were very mad, so that you can easily believe it would not have taken very much to have started a bloody fight. I am very glad that nothing occurred to commence it, for I am afraid I should have been obliged to take a hand in it.

I went to the Smithsonian Institute this morning. It is a very interesting place, but it required more time to see it all than most persons devote to it. I saw some exceedingly curious things and some bits of almost inconceivable beauty.

Tomorrow I expect to go to the Capitol, where I have not been (inside) yet. Perhaps to the Navy Yard & the War Steamer. The weather was not such as our people desired. How it will be about the P.O. is still in the dark. I saw Mr. Schenck & Jim Heron in reference to it today. They are going to bring the matter before the President tomorrow. The result of their interview, I will write you tomorrow evening. I called on Mr. Chase this morning but did not find him. I shall try to see him tomorrow and learn what side he intends to take if any. I suppose it will be very difficult to see him as he will be very much occupied.

The crowd has turned out very great & we are much more comfortable in consequence.

My picture are a great consolation and I seem almost at home when I look upon the Countess with reason. I have left behind...