Dear Husband,

I was about to write a note in haste, when I received your Sunday’s letter. I wished to tell you that—he told me last night that he would not collect these costs, as the person (then forgotten who) says presentable & strong, and must pay it; he said he would then to take it into court in a few days; but whether he does it, or I think entirely doubtful, for his seems about serious, and he still at home, and he almost all his attention. I cannot see here about any thing before the mail goes out, but I will let you know about the note and the tape as soon as possible. I went to Mrs. Bradley yesterday and found her preparing to start to Washington next Sunday night. Mrs. Smith had promised to pay her expenses if she would help her with her Christmas dinner. Father to had urged her to come. She is very anxious
to make you a call but I fear cannot do it. The children are pretty well excepting Frank who has a thermometer lacking cough, and Polly's teardrops are not in good order; the Doctor is trying to help both. Their Christmas will have to be small, as there but $3.50 in my purse; perhaps I will delay presents till New Year's day.

I am sorry that you are 28 alone and fear you are really suffering since the news of the retreat; undoubtedly it was right to retreat but certainly it was a great pity that it had to be done.

You say "I write tinted paper" - Why do I understand now you understand suggestion.

The newspapers won't come much help for Letter. Please tell me in your next how I had better come home; I heard that Ferry at Albany, and I heard Philadelphia the other write. Aunt Caroline is very anxious to come to make her a visit but I think I cannot do it. She says she is going to break up her keeping in the Spring. Mary is waiting to come and kiss and Goodbye.

Regrett

Tell you that Robert and Samson are both in Washington. 