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Mrs. Mary W. Gibson

Virginia

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House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., Feb 20th, 1877.

Dear Mary.

I have up to this time
been so on the run since my arrival
that I have not had time to drop
you a line. The Capitol has been
thronged since the beginning of the
Electoral Count and once inside
you had to remain all day.

Of course I was greatly shocked to
hear of Louie's death on my
arrival here & should have taken
the next train back if I could
have reached Versailles in time.
She could not possibly have got

The Louisiana complications require
every moment of his time; seeing
the President every day, sending or
answering telegrams and attending
the argument before the Commission.

There has been no such exci-
tation here since '61. Of course
Hayes will be counted in but
I think there is no doubt that
the whole Southern policy of
previous Republican administrations
will be abandoned. The negroes &
carpet-baggers will take a back
seat.

Lee is insisting upon my going
to New York with him this week

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but I am becoming anxious to
get home. I find it very interesting
here and then it costs me nothing
I am going out to the Soldiers
home to-morrow. A classmate Dave
Huntington is the Surgeon in
charge. This is very much the
handsomest city in America
and in a few years will be
simply magnificent. The streets are
nearly all paved with asphalt &
are as smooth almost as ice.

I hope the baby has gotten
entirely well. His children

are quite improved and are sprightly.
Louisa & Montgomery are going to
school spelling & cyphering a
little. By the way was
Louisa's baby's name changed.

I hope Sister won't return ere
til I get to Ky.

Love & kind regards to all and for yours
self from your devoted husband

Hart, Gibson

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., March 2^d, 1877.

Dear May.

The long agony is over & Hayes is counted in. We have at all events secured the practical reorganization of the Nichols government in business. The chances are that he may be elected President. I shall be here the early part of the next January.

Hart, *Wesley*