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My Dear Uncle

Washington City
20th Sept 1847

I have postponed writing
 to you this long, because I completely
 expected to take Clifton in route home
 , but than in the last day in town made
 arrangements which compels me to leave
 Philadelphia next Tuesday morning, and
 I cannot leave the direct route

I regret this very much indeed,
 but after the late newspaper reports
 from it seemed too my interest, and
 I was forced to quit

My reception here has been quite
 as flattering as I could possibly have ventured
 to hope, - I have been in the presence of most
 of the public men, and have received
 from all tokens of high regard

I shall most certainly be compelled
 to be in Washington next Winter when
 I think I shall be able to spend a longer
 time with you

I have no news, and wish to write
 you - I hope you to make my best re-
 -spects to Aunt Allen, and all my cousins
 , and accept yourself of assurances of the warm
 affection of
 W. D. W. Allen 3
 With respect
 W. H. Burleigh