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Washington City

25 June 1829

My dear friend,

I enclose you a letter from Harriet. It has been near four weeks since we arrived at Washington. We had a steady and a pleasant journey. My family are well pleased with the city, and I am delighted with the hope, that the change will measurably, if not altogether restore the health of Mrs McLean. She now looks better, than I have seen her for several years, and her general health seems to be greatly improved.

We shall expect to see you, and as many of your friends as you can bring along with you, on your way to the General Conference. Remember not to pass us by. To come by Washington will increase your travel a day, but make your arrangements, so as to spend a week or more with us, so that you can be well rested before the commencement of the Conference.

The President has just informed me, that on the first of next month, he would confer on me, the appointment of Post Master General. This will give me a standing much more independent and desirable than the one I now occupy, and a patronage equal to any other officer in the Government, except the President. It will afford me a fine field to distinguish myself, and partly it gives four thousand a year instead of three thousand which I now receive.

The scene in which I am about to enter, is filled with many dangers, I shall be subjected to censure from every quarter, but my firmness shall not be shaken, nor shall I be diverted from my purpose. Energy of action, shall be seen in the operations of the great Post office, and my duty shall be executed most promptly, without anticipating con-

sequences.

I trust our good God will sustain you and me and ours.

Ever yours

Res. James B. Tindley

John McLean