

Letter 1:

Marquette, Mich, July 13, 1886

My Darling:

I have only time to say that I am off this morning, my daughter accompanying me as far as Milwaukee. She seems in best of spirits but I have not yet acquainted her of our marriage. Will do so on the way down. I am in good hope now that she will accept the situation gracefully, and that you and she will be the best of friends. Our marriage will be announced in the paper tomorrow morning.

I will send you two or three hundred dollars from Milwaukee without fail. I am so sorry that I can't come up before I go, but time presses so that I must be off to meet my parties in St. Paul. God bless you--be the good, true, most lovable little woman you are, and you will always find me the most affectionate of husbands. A thousand kisses. Regards to Mrs. H and believe me always

Your A P Swineford.

Letter 2:

Washington, D. C., April 15, 1888

My dear Good Little Wife:

I got here at 5:45 last night and immediately informed Mr. Dickinson of my arrival. In reply to my note he said the President wanted to see me and that I had better go immediately to the White House and send in my card. I was there 9 o'clock but I wnet, and was ushered into the August presence at precisely 9:30. And what do you think it was all about? Very serious charges had been filed against Judge Dawson and the President had paid me the compliment of sending for and consulting me before taking any action in the premises. Of course, I could do no less than tell him the exact truths and it is determined that unless D resigns at once he will be removed. I had an hours talk with the President on Alaska matters and was never more cordially received. I am vain enough to believe that I stand very high in his regard. He complimented me on my report, approved of my treatment of Alaska Com. Co and I am feeling better today than I ever have, officially.

I think now, that we can't sail from Port Townsend before May 7, that I will go to boston and speak on the 21st. I think there is money in it. If I counclude not to go to Boston, I will leave here for Michigan on Wednesday. Am well and hope my darling and altogether grand and lovable much loved little wife is the same. A thousand kisses from your loving