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## Letter to Maria (Mamy) Du Bois (daughter)

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to his daughter Mrs George Washington Du Bois.  
She was Maria Cox McPherson called Mamey

Baden Baden.

Sept. 11. 1858

My dearest Mary -

I forget when it was that  
I wrote you last - but I have  
found here the Rev. Mr. Meininger  
of Bremen - he sails next  
Wed. & by him I must write  
you another, though it must  
be very short. Anne & Margarette  
are very well - & as you may  
suppose are enjoying themselves  
to the uttermost - I will go back  
a little way & just do out our  
note - from when I suppose I wrote  
last - After enjoying our nice visit



to Farnham (Bp. of Winchester)  
I to Mr Carr at Winchester, we  
started from London to Antwerp  
Sept 2. I have been working  
up the Rhine country since  
Leipzig - Cologne, Bonn (last Sunday)  
Coblenz - (Ems (a watering place))  
Weisbaden, Frankfurt - Heidelberg  
& this remarkable place of con-  
-course - Today we go to Biele to  
spend Sunday - Then Monday we  
shall be at the mountains - This  
splendid place of the elite & fashion  
& gambling of all Europe is full  
of Russians, French & English visitors  
chiefly the two first - The Prince  
of Prussia is here - & a vast com-  
-pany of titled folks - We enjoyed  
last night the scene - in the

promenade - of elegantly dressed  
ladies & men of all nations  
morning to 8 p.m. - a band of music  
playing - &c &c -

We constantly think & speak  
of you, my darling - & your  
sweet ones - According to Washing-  
ton's exhortation, we have taken  
a course - We found a very  
good one at Weisbaden - a German  
speaking English very well - well  
reputed for honesty - We find him  
very attentive & helpful & he will  
scheme us up a great deal of  
cash - Mr. Gadsden's party I mean  
divide the expense - I think  
he will save us a good deal  
of it - Now - dearest, I cannot  
write a longer letter as I have



several to get ready -

Transmit my best love to Washington  
& the children & you my precious  
daughter - The Lord be with y-  
all - Yours dear Father

I forgot to say that in health  
I am doing well