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Washington Dec^r 4th 1816

Dear George

I have this moment arrived at this place, being two days later than I expected to have been, when I parted with you. This delay was occasioned by the tardiness of the stage which carried me from Dr. York to Phil^a - and my own neglect to secure a passage, yesterday from Balt to Washⁿ. At Dr. York I fell in company with my old friend Doct. Shaw, who accompanied me to this place. My journey has been rather agreeable than otherwise, tho' the weather has been severely cold. I visited no place of amusement on my way; my time would not admit of it. I have just finished a letter to your Aunt Olivia, told her of your health &c. &c. I shall send you the first good things I come at. In the mean time am in great haste Yours, most affectionately

Dwight Leake

Mr George Leake. Dr. Thoreau