

Individual interests are absorbed in this
great National calamity - I know the fact but
cannot realize it. I look out upon the same
beautiful landscape - the same clear blue
sky - the same floating clouds - the face
of nature is unchanged - nothing there
that indicates that the darkest page
in our country's history is now being
written in lines of blood? But I turn
and one glance on the face of man
reveals the terrible certainty of some dark
impending war - The 19th of April!
Is it not an omen of evil import to those
who have dared to raise the hand of rebellion
against the common Country? for that
day 1861 is again made memorable by
opening the "Dance of Death" by the shedding
the blood of the sons of Mass. as in the
days of the Revolution 1775. And was
this massacre at Baltimore a necessary prelude
to the melancholy dance which has already

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You must before this have learned
from my letter from Mrs D,
Washington D.C. Dec 16/61
Mrs. Miller Soc. you must before this
S. of Fed. Relief Comt. have learned
Worcester Mass.

Dear Madam

Your letter reached to me on the 11th coming duly
to hand at a moment when I was more than
lucky, and as I had just written Mrs D.
some (of whom I read the articles) a detailed
acc't. of their history and final declaration. I
have centered with much regret to allow your
letter to remain unanswered for a day that I
might find time to write you at greater length.
You must before this have heard from my letter
to Mrs D, the occasion of the delay (viz. uncertain
order, rainy weather and Wilmington mails)
and decide with me that the (concealed) package
has long before this ~~for~~ accomplished its mission of char-
ity & love. The bundles were all packed together
in a stout box, securely mailed, and ^{given} delivered to
the Sutter of the 15th Regt. who promised to deliver