

so determined to go. I got off the bed to dress for the occasion & was almost  
brought back & put on the bed again! I had one of my old giddy attacks that  
day - You will doubtless see notices in the papers of the presentation to Congress of  
a painting representing Lincoln signing the Emancipation Proclamation - An en-  
graved copy of it was presented to Howard University - Pres. Hayes & wife were  
present - Fred. Douglass, a colored man of great eloquence, the Marshal of the  
District made the chief speech - followed by Col. Higginson - an author of  
some repute - It was a real treat to hear & see them all - I spoke with Pres.  
Hayes & you can tell Mr. Loring I delivered his message -  
Mrs. Richards has gone to the City to hear Fr. Lord lecture on Michael An-  
gelo - I wanted to go but was not strong enough - I heard him lecture last  
week in Baltimore on Abelard & Heloise - I shall be here several weeks &  
hope to get stronger - to visit Congress, the Art Gallery & go to one or two receptions -  
I have seen everything there is to be seen in Washington, but there is always some -