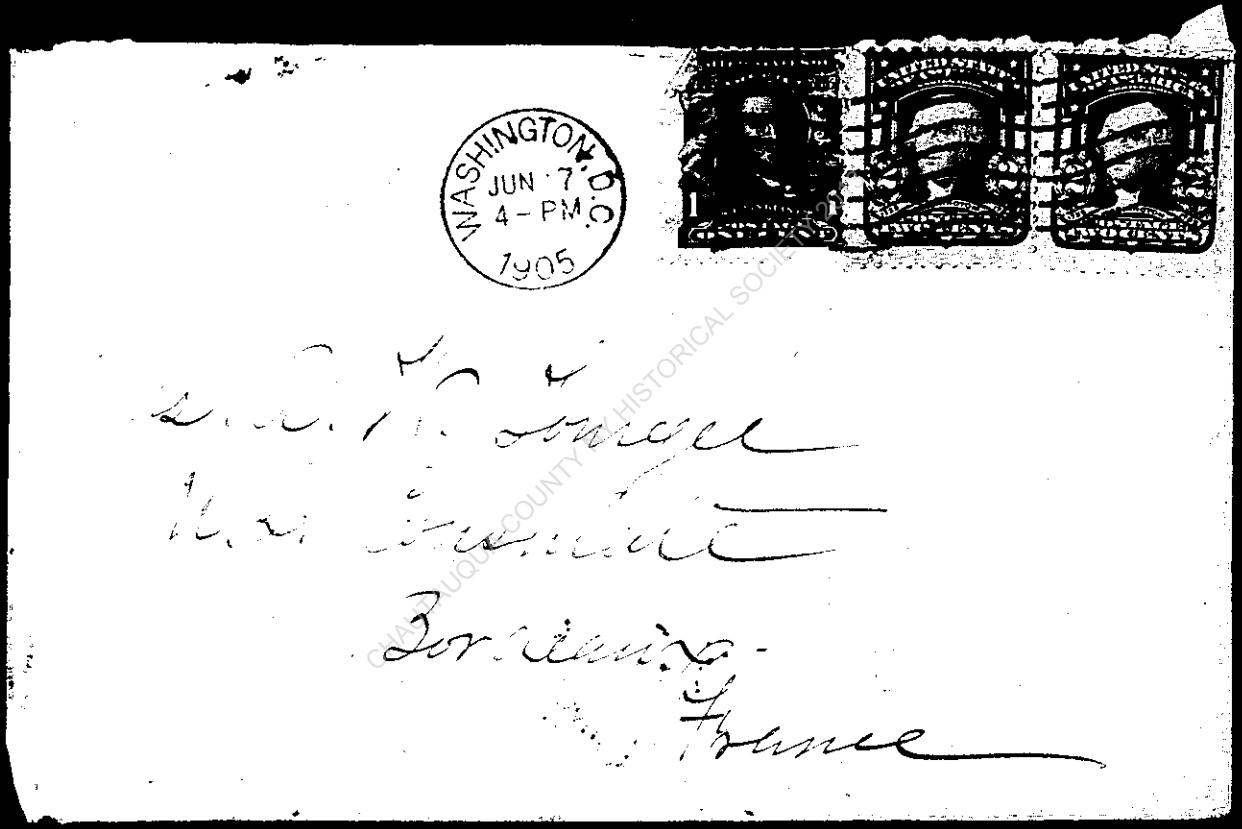

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Washington

June 7th, 15

Dear Emma:

Your sad sweet letter has come - You are a dear brave woman to write such a letter at such a time - I felt sure you would meet this crisis in your life as you have met all things in the past with face to the front - even though your heart is breaking - It is hard for us to know that we shall never see the dear face again and we have thought and talked much of you these last months

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in the weeks crept on and no sad
news came we hoped he might
be spared to come back to his home
to die - It matters not to him but
to you and Lodie - it might have
been easier - Perhaps not - for one
must bear such sorrow alone - we
are glad you are coming home
- on - I did not know but you
might stay abroad for a while
Poor Lodie has been almost
distracted - sorrow for the case
of his friend and anger at the
indecent haste in which his
place as Consul has been filled
He never had any use for
Murphy since he did not keep his
promise made to Capt. Fisher in re-
gard to sending him into the field
and he thinks if he could have re-
turned to Maine at that time all
this trouble he has with his throat
could have been avoided - I don't
know - Mr. Fisher thinks well
of Murphy and says no one has
done more for her than he has in
way of helping Lillie to get positions
I asked her to see him and
speak a word in your behalf
She said she would be very glad
to do it. I really think the appointment
was forced on the President and
he had to make it when he did

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I certainly hope Mr. Murphy will be in no hurry to take possession and will give you all the comfort and help he can. - We now expect to go to Ohio about July 15th unless the weather gets too hot before that - Joe keeps about the same - though I can see that he gradually grows weaker but it is so slow I only mark it by thinking of the things he could do a year ago that I do for him now. He suffers greatly with stricture of the throat - and the sputum of late is almost always tinged with blood. It is so hard to see him suffer as he does at times and powerless to relieve him. - He keeps cheerful though I think he is discouraged about ever being any better - I still have hopes as the lungs have cleared up that the throat trouble may be better in time. - - Now dear I have not written any thing I intended to write when I began - I cannot write the things that are in my heart to say to you - so I will only say you are very dear to me and I hope you will take good care of yourself - you must be sadly in need of rest - with love to Lodie and a heart full to you I am

Your friend

Bessie S. Warner

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