247 W. 9th St.

Erie Pa. September 12th 06-

Dear Emma:

Your letter of Aug. 17th and 26th
are received - I sent your letter
on to Mr. Bryant - and he has no
doubt written you - I do not know
but I have done a rash thing - but -
I have taken the house 2015 Kalorama Ave
from October 1st. rent $50 per. mo.
payable in advance - with the un-
derstanding that it can be given
up on a months notice - Have
rented two rooms on the third
floor for $20 per. month - that is

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Miss Gray and Mr. Huff who are already in the house will remain and Mrs Paul who has had the house and who is Miss Grays sister will leave furniture for their rooms for the present- I shall reserve the 2nd story front-a nice room facing south for Jo and Lodie - Then are still two connecting rooms on the second floor which we could rent and still have room for ourselves The only trouble is it- is going to be late before we can get them room furnished and we may be able to only get boarders for them this winter. I have been and am

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a little nervous over the outcome of the venture
Your cable never reached me and I learned
the house was to be vacated certainly Oct. 1st
three days before I got your letter - There was
no time to deliberate so I telegraphed at once
I shall go to Washington the first week in
October and how much I wish you were
to meet me there for the going back will
be very hard - It seems to me I must
for there as I have done so many years when
we have gone to the Maine woods and I have
spent the summer here but that cannot be
and I must take up my life and live
on without him - I know how you feel when
you read the papers - and in other ways - we
will try to cheer each other and I think you
and dear Lodie will find much to interest
you in Washington - and we will try to have
a pleasant home - we shall probably have
to have some furniture from the Mayville
house - I think the dining room furniture in
Mayville is good enough - you will find a
good market in Washington if you wish to sell
your carved set - I think our dining room
will be a good place to show it - I am spending
a few weeks with my friend Mrs. Bacon but will

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go back to Connecticut this week- I hope
you will have a pleasant time in
England and will come back soon
to your home friends. I do not know
how I shall like through the next-
two months for I shall be much
alone- There will be some papering
and repairing of the home to be done
and that will help to while away some
the time- Let me know when I may
expect the furniture and whether it
will come by rail from New York
or by water to Georgetown- and shall
I have it brot. to the house and
unpacked. There was a sentence

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in your last note that troubled me a little you said you did not want me to take the house on your account - I should not have taken a home this winter unless you were to be with me - and should any thing happen that you did not come I should give up the home - will write you again soon - After October 1st address 2015 Kalorama Ave - Washington

Love to Lochie and I hope she will soon be well - with love to you own dear self I am as always

Your loving friend

Bessie

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