

How tells me that the New York by  
al publication society will print it.  
I will keep this open to the latest and  
make the attempt to give you the result  
of the vote if possible

I will sweep the mail if  
I write longer the Prop will give  
you the vote he has disposed of  
preliminary motions & will I be  
have carry the measure with  
love & respect to the children and  
you I am as ever your  
Will

The bill is carried. How  
est demerits are voting  
for it

Washington  
Jun 31<sup>st</sup> 185-

My dear Game

How I regret that  
you are not in the diplomatic  
gallery. We are on the eve of voting  
on the most important question  
submitted to the House in more  
than half a century:—the pro-  
posed amendment to the Constitution.  
The division is so close that each  
side claims a majority of one or two,  
and many conferences are  
taking place on the floor. The House  
is unusually full. I know of  
but one administration member  
who is absent, <sup>to</sup> Genl Sumner of Indiana

who is at home sick. Harlan of  
Kentucky is on the floor with  
ing forth in much scriptural  
language a last plea for the dying  
institution of American Slavery.  
Poor fellow he honestly believes  
that he is defending the Constitu-  
tion.

The Supreme Court has adjourned.  
Chief Justice Chase and his col-  
leagues on the floor. Chatting  
with them are many leading Sen-  
ators. I also observe the Port Mason  
Jul. The galleries swarm with people.  
Among the men soldiers greatly pre-  
ponderate, among the ladies gallan-  
try reigns and to my taste youth  
and beauty prevail. Clothed in  
all the splendor involved by shoddy

petroleum they <sup>fill</sup> all the galleries  
appropriated to them and are  
pressing the reporters on the floor  
out a path for them. If we carry  
the resolution the scene will be  
histone and I shall always re-  
gret that you are not permitted  
to behold it. Genl Sumner has  
just arrived and every man on the  
loyal roll will an over eye.

I had no letter from you yester-  
day & have none today. How are you?  
and all the dear children, How  
are they. Has Madam Rideout arrived  
I hope so and that she is all our  
fancy painted him. Funds have been  
sent me to print 2000 copies of  
my speech, and Elliot Cowdin, who  
is now with Sum John Jay is now on the