

Washington Jan 8th, 1861

Friend Doug,

We had to-day our first mail
from New York for some days. By it, I
have yours of Monday and Tuesday.

Of course, I knew how such things occur
as this last Saturday; and I didn't blame
you; but I do think Fry is a the whole de
termined. He is always doing things too late,
and has to be hurried and prompted more
than we can afford. And then the amazing
villainy of filling up the inside of the boxes
after midnight with what I have not high
considering our matter already ancient. I
tell you he won't do.

I have labored many years to give the
Tribune a reputation for candor and generosity
toward unpopular views and roles; and
Stewart will use this lab if you will let
him. It isn't one article on the fecos, he is
always stirring them and this is not like
The Tribune. I considered even Stewart's article

fresh articles, though forty times, impelled
by a good spirit and calculated to move
us needles, enemies. Let us try to cul-
tivate a generous spirit in all things. Hilditch
is a good writer - but he is essentially a
true Pickering Federalist of fifty or sixty
years ago, and is always getting the better
of that class of well-meaning but shallow-
ly insidious politicians. He writes Slavery
wrong because the Sixth turned out old
John Adams. You must gradually teach
him to let the dead bury, &c.

Well - All Thanks yet, by now you see
if we don't we made a good bush toward
it last night.

Yours,

H. G.

Horace Greeley?

Let me thank you for your handling
of Volk. The man is an ass, but a very
molevolent one. I trust this letter is genuine.