Sunday 25th Nov

Exactly one month to day since Mr Gibbs left for Wash.n and he is not home yet — I have the most vexatious, tantalizing time expecting him every day and daily disappointed — You will at least be glad to know we are not to leave our present home just yet & I will enclose two of Mr Gibbs letters from Ellsworth to let you see what an escape we have made — then send them to Joe who likes to know exactly how we are fixed. I told you or Mother that Gen Hancock said he would order a Gen Court to assemble here at once & thought of putting Mr Gibbs on it — accordingly the order came last Monday & he was named as Pres.t so the order was forwarded to Ellsworth & I commenced watching for him Thurs.t

a negro & paid her $20 besides giving many privileges, she became very insolent refused to answer a bell and said she had lived with a Capt Somebody who treated her like a sister & had her set at table with