Camp at the Executive Mansion
Washington, D.C.
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Dear Sister

I received yours of the 2nd of May and I was very glad to hear from you. I am very sorry to hear that lizzy is sick but I hopebefore these few lines reach you that she will be well I am well as usual last night it rained and thundered most of thenight I seen Sheridan's Cavalry went through the city this forenoon they come up 14th street and turned up F street and went up on Capitol Hill where they will stay the Tuesday and then march through the City on review which comes off on Tuesday and Wednesday there is a stand built up front of the White House on the Avenue for Gen. Grant and the officers to review the troops from there will be a big time here I suppose Tuesday and Wednesday Orderly Houtz was promoted to Second Lieutenant the members of Co. K. presented him with a fine sword and sash the weather is fine and warm corn here in the White House Garden is over a foot high and potatoes the same they have had pickels out of the garden aready there is no telling where we will get out of the Army but it will not be so very long to stay if we will get out before I receive a letter from George some time ago but have not answered it yet for the simple reason that I have not anything to write about Give my love to all the folks I must come to a close for I have nothing to write about so good by from your brother, Willard A. Cutter