March 6-1865

Camp at Executive Mansion
March 6th 1865

Dear Mother

I received yours of the 3rd yesterday and was much pleased to hear from you and I was pleased to get your Photograph I think it is a very good Picture and looks very much like you used to I suppose you was much pleased to hear from your Cousins, it seems kind of strange to me that they did not know where you lived before now, but it might be that it is better late than never, The weather has cleared off and is nice and warm in the day time but not any to warm at night Everything went off all right on the 4th of March

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Saturday at twelve o'clock the Procession started from the White house for the Capitol he had a large gward of Cavalry and Infantry he got through and back from the Capitol before two in the afternoon there was the most people there that has been in Washington for some time every thing passed off quietly I will tell you of what took place at the Capitol. When the President made his appearance on the front steps of the Capitol to make his Inaugeral speech it rained all the day before and all night and was raining Saturday till noon Just before old Abe made his appearance it was black and cloudy but just as Abe come out one the porch of the Capitol the Sun come out as bright as

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a dollar and at the same time there was a bright star come out just over the White House and was seen all Afternoon there was a great deal of talk about it here some think it is a good omen Saturday evening at 8 o'clock was the hour for the Reception to commence we had guards at the front gaits to keep the people out till eight then we opened the gaits and made for the house at a run followed by hundreds running like wild men every one wanted to be first there was the largest turnout of any time that has ever been here yet it was the best conducted and everything went off quietly I will put in a little green back you can write and let me know if you get it or not

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Mrs Lincoln has her Reception at 1 o'clock and lasts till two I am well as usual give my love to all the folks
I will draw to a close write soon

from your Son

Willard A. Cutler

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