

Washington, D.C.
March 31, 1864

Dear Mother

I received your letter this morning and I was pleased to hear from you more so to hear that you are well the weather has been stormy here for the last week or more with only one or two fair days it has been very windy for the greatest part of the month of March Lt. Quail was here this forenoon he is going to leave the city tonight for his Com. you asked about that picture I told you it was the madams that is what Mrs. Lincoln goed by here with as so for fear you cant understand that was the picture of Mrs. Lincoln I sent the picture of Soldiers Home to you some time ago did you ever get it I also sent hthree pictures while at the home but you never told me that you got them or not that book I sent george is one that I got a long time ago and was laying around the tent so I thought just for greens I would send it to george, so george wants to go to war does he well all I have got to say is for him to stay where he is and learn a trade if he dont get \$10.00 a year for he is not big enough to carry a bushel of corn to mill yet. I guess if he would start on a march with that mutch an his back and keep it up for five or six miles he would find his trotters would tire some, if not more than by working you say the war is enough to set one crazy it set one man crazy here or at least he was here in the white House Monday making a speech about how he would be next President but was out short in his speech by the guard going in and arresting him you wanted to know if I thought we would leave here that I cant say but I think we will stay here next summer and way if we do that we are in for staying our time out you seem to be awfull tender hearted I hope you dont think you are the only woman that has a son in the army and him just as well off as he would be at Home but no you borrow trouble thinking he will have to go to the front if I was as easy troubled as you I think I would make a good soldier; for my part I would like to have a little fright before I go home the boys have got up a band they just got the horns brass drum big brass drum Bill Clover is the tanner drummer give my love to Grand Mother write soon from your son, Willard A. Cutter.