

Camp at Executive Mansion
March 6th 1865

Dear Mother

I received yours of
The 1st 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 fourth of March

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Saturday at twelve oclock the
Procession started from the
White house for the Capitol
He had a large guard 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
Inaugural 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
and 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 oclock 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 hundred
running like wild men every
one wanted to be first there was
the largest turn out 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 oclock
and lasts till two I am well as usual
give my love to to all the folks
I will draw to a close write soon
from Your Son
Willard A. Cutter