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My dear Cousin: Yours of March 22<sup>nd</sup> I received night before last with six others, four from Wisconsin, one from Gertrude and one from Saratoga. All well at home but John who has a frog fellow on his right hand which he neglected to take proper care of, until he has now got a hand that the doctor tells him will be likely to prevent him from responding to the President's call for 200,000 more. I am very much obliged to you for sending me that beautiful picture. It is the best I ever saw of you or dreamed I ever should see. So Bogo thinks it doesn't look like you. I think it does, and would like to see the original. I believe I have a little account to settle with you. In regard to sending or burning your other picture I would rather be excused from either course but of the two evils I would choose the latter. I like to have several pictures of the same person, taken at different times so as to note the changes that a few years or even months sometimes make in their appearance. Will you not let me keep them both? Do please, and I will send you another of mine when I can get them taken. You already have two, and are where

you can look at a third as often as you please, the one in a frame with Theodore, the best that was ever taken or ever will be, of me.

Spencer is at Gerties yet but I think will not stay long. I can't for the life of me, see why he don't enlist but shall not advise him. I was sorry to hear that you were all sick but glad that you are getting better and hope you will soon be entirely well.

I was to have a furlough to go west. It was all made out and sent to Gen. Gilmore to be approved but came back unapproved, so whether I ever get one now is a question which remains to be seen. If I should happen to I will try and get over to North Shore. Don't let my folks out west know anything about my starting to get a furlough for if upon second trial I do succeed I want to take them by surprise. Remember me to all of Uncle's family and to your mother when you write to her, and believe me as ever

Your affect. cousin Milton.

P.S. I am doing well, ie. getting well as fast as possible.