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Dear Cousin

Your letter dated some time in August reached me last night. Two months coming. only think of it. I hope this will not be so long in reaching you. I thought you had forgotten me. and I suppose you think I have forgotten you. But when you receive this. you will see that we were both mistaken. You say Theodore was thinking about enlisting. So it seems we were both thinking of it at the Same time. and I for one decided to enlist. and did. on 6th August. left the state of N.Y. the 21st. went to Harper's Ferry. Surrendered to General Jackson on the 14th Sept. left there the 15th, marched six days and found ourselves at night on the last day. within two miles of Annapolis Md; where we remained four days. when we again took up the line of march. Marched to Annapolis. Took the Steamer for Baltimore. At Baltimore we took cars for Chicago. We have been here nearly four weeks. but how much longer we Shall Stay here I know not. Rogers is also in the Army. though not in the same Regmt that I am. Edd would like to go but can't be spared at present. So you see. This is a changeful world. I little thought. when I was South three years ago. that I should ever be engaged [sic] in war against it. and now I think of it. I will answer your query about Elisabeth. I have not heard from her in some time. And have concluded to give her up. for I suppose She is Sheshesh [sic]. So you need not insinuate any thing more in regard to her. I will have my picture taken as soon as possible. and send it to you. and will be very glad to have yours. There is some talk of our Regt's returning to its home state. and that it will encamp on Staten Island if it does. I may get an opportunity to make you a visit. I hope it will. how is it with you? I like Chicago very much. and if I could have my friends around me. would like to live her. Please write soon and let me know whether Theodore is in the Army. Your loving
Cousin, Milton