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Albany Feb 3rd

[written in black ink] 1845

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No signature - evidently only part of letter.

[in blue ink]

To Elizabeth Smith Miller and her husband Charles Miller