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Saturday eve

Dear Cousin Lib,

I have received your two commission letters and I shall attend to them with promptness and pleasure. In regards to Green's pipe, he left it here but alas the first we saw of it it was in the hands of David and Henry, rent in twain, posing under the assumed name of Whistles, and used as such. Alas! Poor Green you ne'er will see that good old pipe again. If however I can find those "whistles" perhaps I can get another pipe at the "Manmouth variety store" As to the plaid, - Do you wish common blue plaid like your mother's check? Margaret has gone to Johnstown and I did not hear the plaid conversation. Green's india rubbers are not here. I will call at Mrs. Dudley's and inquire about Charlies' legs, Green's cravat and shoes. Cousin Gerrit left his directions for Homeopathic diet. I shall not fail to send them for you know Lib he needs some restrain from the lips of infancy he was was once

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Your Cousin Lib,

PS. The Ethiopians!!! Julius?

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E.C. Stanton

Feb. 1847

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Elizabeth Smith Miller

Peterboro

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Addressed to Elizabeth Smith Miller, Peterboro, Madison Co. N.Y.