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Thursday afternoon

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Your Cousin Lib.

P.S. Tell cousin Gerrit that he will no doubt be toasted by the paddies at all their public dinners for years to come. What indescribable suffering the poor Irish must be now undergoing. It seems to me the best way to relieve them is to bring them here to our land of plenty. I think instead of mourning over the increase of emigration, we should rejoice for surely their condition is improved. The tigers send love to Green. Tell him they have not yet turned into lambs.

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Elizabeth Smith Miller
Peterboro
Madison Co
N.Y.

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E.C. Stanton -
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Addressed to Elizabeth Smith Miller
Peterboro Madison Co.

Cousin Charley observe the direction E.C. Stanton, Albany, N.Y.