

Fort Delaware Del

28th March 1865

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Dear Cousin,

Yours of the 23rd inst was received this morning and found me well; I am under very many obligations for the money you sent me for it came just ~~at~~ when I was needing it badly, I was entirely out of money and I have a friend here who is sick and needs vegetables and such things to eat a great deal more than I do. I look forward with anxiety to the day when I shall receive those photographs, I will prize them ^{very} highly when I think of their being the photograph of those who have assisted me in times of need; When I wrote you not to send the Pants and socks I expected to be exchanged before they would reach me; If you got a permit from ~~Gen. Lee~~ Gen. Lee of you can send them with safety; ~~the~~ the permit must be fastened on the package; I am still needing them; I have not received any news from home later than the 23rd of Feb all the family were well; hope your son may preserved through all the dangers of the camp diseases and those of the battle field and if he or any of your friends should ever be so unfortunate as to be taken prisoner let me know and it will afford me pleasure to do anything for those who have been so kind to me, May God bless you and all your family and if we never meet this side the grave, my prayer is that we may all meet where there shall be no more wars troubles and sorrows.

Benja Reed
your cousin

From a Southern
Prisoner in Fort Delaware
to Charles Buchanan (Charles
Buchanan's grandfater) -
conspiring - etc

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