

Fort Delaware Del.

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4th May 1865

My Dear Cousin;

I wrote you last week asking you for a small amount of money to take me home, that I had taken the oath of allegiance and hoped to be released soon and permitted to go to my home in Va. But I fear you did not get my letter and thought I would write you again, if you receive this please send me \$10 ten dollars. I generally get your letters in two days after they are mailed, so that I don't presume there would be any danger but what it will reach here before I leave or if it should not it will be returned to you. I hope ere long to be with my wife and friends around my own fireside, would like very much to pay you a visit but cannot now, hope to see you and family in Va on a visit soon, may the Lord bless you in all your labors for good, for ^{your} kindness to me in my time of need, hope to hear from you ~~in~~ at the earliest possible moment. Give my love to all the family.

As ever your affectionate Cousin

P.S. direct as before }

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