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Dear Sir

The winter is here  
and you have not come to  
visit your uncl yet he has  
been expecting you - try and  
come on soon and see Washington  
In those war times there is  
quite a throng here Washington  
never was as good a business  
Place as it is now - and your  
second cousin air Wm Fitch is  
the power of the young men wright  
we and tell me when you will come  
Alanson Stevens is in Kentucky  
he is a lieutenant your uncl is  
not well

yours with regard  
Lydia Smith

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