MARY LINCOLN

A LETTER TO HER COUSIN

Elizabeth Todd Grimsly

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I have just received a note from

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[Signature]
How foolish between us to be discussing such a person. Yet really it is amusing, in how many forms, human nature can appear before us. Nicolay told me, that Caleb Smith, said to him, a few days since that he had just received a letter from Kellogg, of Cin. that he did not know why he had not received his appointment as Consul. Is not the idea preposterous? Did I tell you that "Hollis" has been here, came to see me frequently, and always enquired with much interest, after you. The "Cap" also dined here a few days since, still as refined and elegant as ever. I have so much to tell you, I do not know what first to write about. Wykoff, the "Chevalier," enlightened me about Baker's and Julia's proceedings in New York in Feb. Looked a little quizzical, about her not remaining in W. as she expected a long stay and much gayety. Did you say, she only numbered 6 months. I thought she had gently insinuated, when she was here. Hill Damon, I believe is now in ill, mustering recruits. I know you will be sorry to hear, that our colored Mantuemaker, Elizabeth, lost her only son and child in the battle of...