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Description: Eben Roberts letter to his cousin Mary Calderwood regarding his views on the war.

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and thin you will hear all about this  
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