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Date: February 2, 1863

Description: Letter from Charles Garcelon to his Aunt Jane Waldron regarding his uncle and the weather.

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