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Description: Ned Mitchell letter from Maryland

Ellicotts Mills, March 9th/62

Dear Sister Perse

It is a very plesant day such as you have not got in Maine, the birds are singing the grass begins to look green, and I saw some violets this morning. But we have had bad weather enough to make up for all the good we shall have, there was about a month that it rained continually and every thing looked disag=

=greeable. People that live here say that they never new so much rain.

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I wrote to Maria last week. As I have nothing more to write I will stop

Ned

P.S. Address as before