



Ellicotts Mills, March 9<sup>th</sup>/62

Dear Sister Perse

It is a very pleasant 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 disagreeable. People that live here say that they never new so much rain.

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Date: Mar. 9, 1862  
Description: Ned Mitchell letter from Maryland

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to Ellicott's Mills over a week,  
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I was to one night before last  
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