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Description: Letter of Charles Garcelon to his Aunt Jane Waldron regarding  
seeing the remains of a battlefield, including a cemetery.

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