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Description: Letter from Peleg Wadsworth to Martha Washington mentioning Eliza's request for a lock of George Washington's hair.

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Phil. 26 March
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