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P.S. Do not do too much for Messrs. M-C brothers friend H. - Their father is said to be a bad Rebel & I fear duty will not warrant Even their loving of their Cotton.

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Date: Jan. 13, 1865

Description: Charles Howard to O.O. Howard

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Our (Mother's) business is in
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We all saw the pony this morning.
They pronounce him, ^a very handsome
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