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{Postmark:} NEW BERN NC MAR 28 1865

Mrs. Susan M. Keeler
East Saginaw
Michigan

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Office of Acting Assistant Quartermaster, 2nd Division 23rd Army Corps
Morehead City, North Carolina

{Saturday} March 25th 1865

Dear Lottie,

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I Am Your Affectionate Uncle,
D. D. Keeler

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