

Johnson's Island Ohio

My dear Cousin

Jan'y 16th 1865

Your letter came to hand a few days ago, I was pleased to hear from you. But was very sorry to hear of the death of your Grand mama. I am something better than when I last wrote to you. And will soon get well I think, at any rates hope so, I am sorry to say. I was not permitted to have the Apple. Comfort nor Housewife though I intend to make an Effort, to get them. I have no doubt that I will succeed in getting them. As I have given my Pictures now so I will according to promise enclose one, to you. And would like very well to have yours. And also your mother's. And will be under many obligations to you for them. The weather is not very cold up here now. it is moderating very much. we have had some very cold weather this Winter but not as severe as last Winter. Aunt G. & W. M. received the letter from your mother. Several days ago. I am truly thankful to you for the clothing sent me. They are just the articles I needed in the way of clothing. I am suffering with bad cough, and my bad cold. And have been for sometime. No persons but the sick are allowed to write for boxes of Provisions. I wish sometimes that I was sick. So I could go to the Hospital and get something good to eat or rather a change of diet. Such as Sugar coffee, cheese, Flour, meal, butter, condensed milk, corn Starch, peppes, ~~mustard~~, Crackers or biscuit. I think ^{if I had} these articles would get well or great deal better than I now am. I must close by asking to hear from you. Soon

Yours Devoted Friend
Thomas H. B. Murphy