



Block 3 Room 18 U.S.M. Prison  
Johnson's Island O. April 27<sup>th</sup> 65

My ever Dear Cousin:

With dejected spirits  
I again attempt to scribble you a few lines  
merely to let you know that I am well  
& that I am still here, so that you might  
write to me again. There is nothing that does  
me so much good as to receive a letter  
containing such kind words as those which  
I have had the good fortune to receive from  
you. I have corresponded with several lady  
friends since I have been in Prison & I cannot  
estimate pleasure which they have afforded  
me. I have been faring as well as I could  
wish under the circumstances since the Sutter  
has been allowed to sell Provisions. I have  
some of the things which you sent me yet.  
I am now staying in a small Room with seven  
others, all nice guttunen. We are very comfort-  
ably fixed. I wrote to Cousin Susie some time ago,  
please do not let her delay to write to me. I sincerely  
thanks you for your unceasing prayers in my behalf  
It is to Him only who governs all things that I trust  
for aid when there no other hand <sup>to</sup> save. I have all  
faith in sincere & earnest prayer. I thank you for the names  
of all the family. As Nannie wished for my likeness I send one  
though it is a very sorry one but it is the best I can do. How glad would I be to have the  
picture of a pretty Lady to look at while I am in Prison. Your aff. Cousin Geo. W. Melvin

Give my love to all the family.