

Campbellsburg  
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My Dear Little Cousin.

I received  
your nice letter, one of the best  
that I have ever got from one  
as young as your self. I could  
see you had improved very fast  
and I was glad to see it. For  
letters, writing was one thing I never  
loved to do, but loved to hear  
from my friends and found out  
I could not get letters with out  
I wrote some. you invited us to  
come Christmas there is nothing  
that would afford me more. Good

pleasure but it is imposible to  
leave home. but we intend to come  
next month and stay several days.  
Cousin Eys are not much better  
can not see but very little. Mother  
health is very good for a woman  
of her age. Cousin Bens wife is  
quite sick has some thing like  
measels. all the rest of the relations  
are well. There has been a great  
many deaths here. and they are  
making about one week around here.  
tell Cousin James he must not  
marry until I come for I am a  
fraid he will not give me that  
pig and we have not got one to  
eat the pig. Mr Stout baby  
died one week ago it was one of  
the greatest suffers I ever saw.  
the weather has been for more  
than a week like May there is a  
great deal of fear of the meat

spoiling. I am sorry that your Ma  
is not much better. Well I guess  
the children are all looking forward  
to Christmas with a happy heart  
and expect a great many nice presents  
I will say Christmas gift to all  
of you for I expect you will  
get this letter that day. there is  
a great many young people have  
come to this neighborhood last  
week to spend a week or ten day.  
give my love to all. and a kiss  
to the little Susan. I want you to  
write and tell me all the news, and  
how you spent the Christmas. I rema  
me you Cousin.

Kate L. Master.