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May 9th 62

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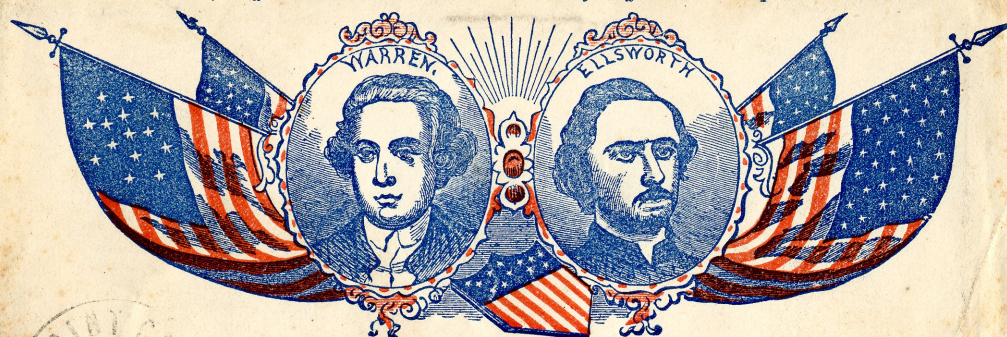
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Mrs Mary Fulton
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*This letter has been in it
from Virginia from Edward*