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E Plainfield March 30<sup>th</sup> / 63

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[raised imprint reads: "DOVE"]

[written upside down at top of letter]

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to tell anything new from him,  
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Edwards address, I recd it about a month ago  
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wait There is a number of things I would  
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