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My dear Cousin Richard

I cordially reciprocate your kind New Year greetings, & join in the hope that there may be many happy returns for ourselves & for the country. It will be well for us however to arm ourselves with patience & endurance.

I am obliged to you for the letters you enclosed to me, though I am unable to do anything for the writers.

Please present my kindest regards to my Cousin Julia & every member of your family, in which I am joined by my wife & children.

With my best wishes for your individual health (page 2) and happiness

I am very truly
yours

R E Lee

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