

From A.M. Bedford to Mary E. Bedford

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Morris Island off Charleston

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Mrs[.] Mary E. Bedford

My Dear Wife

I again write to you from this place as this is the 6th letter[.] I am begining to think I will not get an answer soon[.] I have only recd. one letter since I have been here & that was from Bohart[.] he said he had recd. 3 letters from you & 2 from Cousin Lizzie & he had recd. the box you & his father had sent to us 2 days after I left[.] I think the box was there when I left but being marked to him & he not going off they did not open it[.] all thous [those] that had boxes marked to them before we left the Fort Del. was opened & distributed[.] I wrote to you on the 15th of Sept. & about 2 weeks it came back to me[.] I wrote 1 1/2 pages as we had been informed by the Col. in comdg. that we could write 2 pages[.] I will only write one from this out.

I keep in good health & hope daily for an exchange[.] I had written to Cousin Zerelda Howard on the 20 of Sept. & it came back also to me[.] I am very anxious to hear from you[.] we are geting a long as well as we could expect under the circumstances[.]

I wrote to Genl[.] Craig to see if he could not get me a parole to go & see our authorities to see if I could not effect & exchang[e] for my self[.] others get such privalidg & why not I[.] if I dont get one of my rank released I will report a mediately to prison[.] Tell Joseph Bennett to see Craig for me[.] perhaps he did not get my letter[.] I am very tired of prison life & want to get out if there is any honorable way but none other[.]

remember me to all of my relations & friends[.] to Father & the children[.] hoping peace & prosperity will soon prevail through out our land & country[.]

from your most affectionate Husband

A.M. Bedford