

From Alex M. Bedford to Mary E. Bedford

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Fort Delaware

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Mrs[.] M.E. Bedford

My Dear Wife[.]

your letter of the 26 in Virginias handwriting came to hand last eavning[.] I did not [receive] your last letter[.] I want you to make me 2 good check shirts heavy or coloured of some kind[.] the one sent to me is a thin [MS. illegible] one[.] no ware in it & one pair drawers[.] pair socks & one dollar (\$1.00) worth of stamps[.] the above named articles the [suttee?] does not keep[.] I want a good article or none[.] something durable[.]

I wrote some time ago a bout trying to come home on parole[.] I would not come under [*text stricken through*] any consideration now learning of your troubles which I am very sorry to hear of[.] I am done on bushwhackers[.] let them call their name what they will[.] it is a dishonorable warfare.

The articles I write for you can get the goods & make at your leasure & you will have a chance to send them[.] if you dont you can make up a little box the last of Sept[.] or the first of Oct[.] & send to me.

Tell Sam. Lewis Capt. Chas. D.S. Jones Sends his respects to him[.] Say to Lewis to write to his Father & let him know he had better try to get his son out as I think his mind is injured[.] he is a nice gentleman[.]

I have jest recd. a letter from [Rudy?][.] all is well & Capt[.] Frank Bedford has another Brother a prisoner at the Island 3 Brothers in one room. What is Virginias oldes childs name[?] have you a good crop[?] dont fret & grieve over things you cannot help[.] learn to take evry thang as they come[.] for all things work to gether for good to them that love God[.] put your hole trust in him & look for better days.

Remember me to all of my friends & relations[.] Bohart joins me in love to you & Father[.]

from your affectionate husband

A.M. Bedford

[P.S.] I recd. the check & get the money[.] kiss the children for me[.]