

Hart Island Sept 20<sup>th</sup>  
1864

Dear Mother

I received your very kind letter of the 16<sup>is</sup> in due season,, and can assure you that I was very glad to hear from you,, You said you th\_\_ing(?) st something had happened to me,, But that is not the case for I am enjoying comfortable health and I never felt in better spirits in my life,,

You thought you would like to see how I looked when I had to do my own work,, \_\_ As for that part I do not imagine that I looked any worse while doin my own work that I would if I had been working for some one else,, Perhaps you would like know the manner in which I done it \_\_\_\_ so I will tell you,, I procured a large l of salt water soap and I took that in one hand and my clothes in the other and marched down to the beach using long Island sound for my washtub \_\_\_\_ So you can see that I had plenty of water \_\_\_\_ after got through washing my clothes they looked as ~~w~~ white and clean as though some old and experienced ~~p~~ washer women had done it,, You said that Sanders Gurney had hired a substitute for one year and scatched the one year off the papers and put in ~~one~~ its place 3 and one third and tried and tried to sell him for a thousand Dollars,, Now I do not believe he done any such thing,, For the man procuring a substitute does not have ~~ay~~ any thing to do with the making out of the papers and he is not permitted to handle them,, ~~papers~~, As for my part you ned not fear ~~of~~ that I will be sold for I was sworn and mustered in as a representative of Mr Norman Bissell,, and he has not got the power to sell me \_\_ for my papers were made out correctly and one cobby is left at Norwich and one ~~at~~ is left on this Island \_\_\_\_ one is sent to my regiment and one to Washington,, and they cannot be changed by any one,, I received ~~you're the~~ the paper you sent me and I was glad to get it \_\_\_\_ you will please send me the papers containing the last of crafted me as soon as you get them,,

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Being on parade most of the time yesterday I did not have time to finish ~~it~~ my letter untill today,, Mr W<sup>m</sup> Lenning come on the Island last sunday,, \_\_\_\_ Daniel Winetsir Albert Thom,, and Iry Morrison arived here last evening and I suppose they will go away today,, they said that ~~said that~~ several others from maryland but I have not seen them \_\_\_\_ I received a letter from Avery this morning,, I did not expect Mr Bissel would give the untill it was settled how much Bounty I would get \_\_\_\_ No more at present an I will close hoping to hear from you soon

Your Son

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