Hart Island Oct 16th
1864

Dear Sister,

Having a few
leisure moments I thought
I would employ them in
writting you few lines,
I am enjoying comfort-
able health and I hope
these few lines may
find you the same. We
are having very pleasent
weather here at present
Last week we had a very
cold and severe storm here
but it has cleared off very
~~fine~~ warm and pleasant. The
Soldiers on the Island have
all just been out on gen-
eral review. Every man
has to have his Knap-sack

well packed— He must be washed
and shaved clean— and have
his boots blacked— They are
very particular here about
camp— Every thing has to
be kept clean and neat—
The camp-ground is swept
every morning— The barracks
are kept in good order— and
are ~~clean~~ thoroughly scrubed
every Saturday— Every mens
bunk must be kept in good
order,— His bread-sack— can-
teen & hanversack must be
in their proper ~~places~~ places,
If a man neglects to com-
plyy with the regulations he
is generally punished, They
are very severe here but if
one obeys promptly he neednot
have ~~no~~ any trouble, Thus
far I have got along first-
rate— We have to labor

a little most every day — which makes time pass off quickly and is much better for the men than to lounge around camp. There is but few men coming on the Island now — A few boat loads of inlisted men Substitutes, and drafted men come in during the past week. There is about three thousand troops on the Island at present. — They are constructing barracks on the South end of this Island for Rebel prisoners — They are building a tight fence around the camp where they intend to keep the prisoners which is about fifteen feet high — They are a going to have about ten thousand Johnny Rebs here this winter, If I remain here

much longer I suppose
I shall have the opper-
tunity of seeing some of
them, Samuel Aplin from
Portlandville this here—
When I get to my regiment
I shall want some things
sent to me— Tell mother
to procure some light
blue broad ~~cloath~~ cloth and
have me a vest made— I want
it made the same size
style of the one I left at home—
I want military ~~buttons~~ buttons
on it— but if they cannot be
had I want smooth brass buttons
Also tell her to have a pair of woolen gloves
knit— Hoping no more to
at present I will close hoping
to hear from you soon

Your affectionate Brother

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