Hart Island Oct 18th
1864

Dear Mother

Your letter of the 16th was received last evening and I was very glad to hear from you. The money is Safe — You seem to be rather reluctant about drawing the money of Mr. Bissell — You must recollect that the interest on fifty dollars for one year will be only three dollars and a half. the prospect is now that I may not draw any wages from the government for several months to come — and I shall want you to

purchase some things
so as to send them for
me when I get to my
regiment — consequently
I think you had better draw
the money — My wages
from the government is
a sure thing — do you can
see that there can be no
loss by drawing it, for
I can replace it — when
I draw them, I wish you
would purchase some
blue-broad-cloth and have
a vest made for me — I want
it made the same size and
like of the one I left at home,
put Military buttons on
it if you can get them — if you
cannot, put plain brass buttons
out — I want you to have
a good pair of woollen
gloves knit for me —

I also want a pair of good woolen Shirts made, I draw government shirts but I do not think they ~~th~~ are what they ought to be — Make them of Small red plad —
I want nothing but ~~an~~ narrow binding arround the neck an nothing but a but a bind-in around the wrists,
You may get things ready so that you can send them to me when ever ~~you~~ I may order — I May want some more things — and will order them when I ~~can~~ can think of them
I am well and enjoying good health, We have comfortable quarters here and if I never fare any ~~worse~~ worse than I have since I come on the Island

throw in my trunk for safe keeping

I shall not complain — Mr Samuel Aplin is on the Island yet — I received the Republican ~~last~~ this morning — I have not received the Monitor — I subscribed for it ~~when~~ before I come from home — You wanted to know why I changed my address so often — When I first come on the Island we used to get our letters to the general post-office — but it was so much trouble to the post-master ~~office~~ that we was ordered to have them sent to ~~the post~~ our company — but since then ~~wh~~ we have had a new commander on the Island — and he has changed the member of our Battalion from second to first — I should be glad to hear from ~~on~~ all our folks — I have no more to write so I will close hoping to hear from you soon — With respects to all I remain

Your affectionate son

Geo D Barringer,

Address as before

Enclosed you will find a political document which you will