

Hart Island Oct 19th

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 to 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 ____ so you can see that there can be no loss by drawing it,, for I can replace it ~~when~~ when I draw them,, I wish you would purchase some blue broad-cloth ~~me~~ and have a vest made ~~for~~ for me ____ I want † it made the same size and stile 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 also want you to have a good pair of woollen gloves knit for me ____ I also want a pair of good woollen 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 a narrow binding around the neck an nothing but a bit of bindin 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 ~~wosse~~ worse then I have since I came on the Island 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 came 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 number of our Battalion from second to first ____ I should be glad to hear from ~~ou~~ 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 pollitical document which you will throw in my trunk for safe keeping