

Hart Island Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

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Dear Mother,,

I received your kind letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> just this morning \_\_\_\_ I was glad to hear from you \_\_\_\_ It found me enjoying comfortable health \_\_\_\_ You seemed think that I would not let you know it if I was sick \_\_\_\_ that is not the case \_\_\_\_ whenever I am sick I shall not be afraid to let you know it,, I have not had to sleep in the storm or cold since I have been here \_\_\_\_ We have first rate barracks and I sleep as comfortable as I would † if I had been at home

I have received some of the papers you have sent me \_\_\_\_ and if you address them the same way that I tell you in this letter ~~you~~ I will receive every one \_\_\_\_ I sent you a letter the other day request you to send me ten dollars \_\_\_\_ if you have not sent it please send it as soon as you get this \_\_\_\_ you need fear but what It will come strait \_\_\_\_ Please send ~~goe~~ National currency \_\_\_\_

They are a going to have six thousand rebel prisoners on the Island this winter \_\_\_\_  
They expect five hundred here next Saturday

We have been having some very pleasant weather hear for the past few days \_\_\_\_

Not much more to write I will close hoping to hear from you soon,,

Your Son

\*Translator's note: The bottom part of this letter has ripped off and is missing