

Sily Point Verginey

October the 6, 1864

Dear Woman and Children,

I now send you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope that you're the same. I left Hart Isle last Saturday afternoon. I left before the mail came in. I think that there is a letter for me. I wrote you one on Friday but you did not git it before you wrote to me.

I was 4 days on water. It agreed well with me first rate. Jake was sick. Most of them on board was sick. It had no affect on me. We was 24 hours out of site of land. We landed at Fortress Monroe Tuesday. There we stayed over night then took steamer Calaborne to Sily Point.

I am within 7 miles of Peterburgh. I hear the guns roar here. There was here firing last night. Grant is within 2 miles of Richmond. I think that we will go to Washington. I can't tell how soon we will leave for our regiment. When I git to my regiment I will write so you can direct your letters.

Any how, write to me here:

Virginey, Sily Point

I haint got time to write at present. I wrote this on my knee. I send 20 cents to Millard which I got from the government.

Your Friend.
James L. Christman