

Harts Island
Sept the 19, 1864

I want you to write as soon as you git this, if you want to hear from me, you must write. I shall send two letters a week. I shall look Saturday for a letter. If I leave this place, as soon as I can to another I will write. Give my respect to all; to you and your'n friends.

James L. Christman

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I received your letter the 18. It came here the 17th at nite. (When) it came here there was such a game that I did not git it til the Sunday noon. The Post Office was cram way in the street. I look for a letter er day since last Wednesday nite, we have a mail every day here. I want you to send a letter er week, if not two a week. I will send two a week; I want you to do the same.

I think that you did a wise thing to sell the calve and fat the pig. We have plenty to eat here; it is quite healthy here. Last night there was a man found in the backhouse with his throat cut from ear to ear, it was the base (buner /bruner). What was the cause I do not know.

I want to know how you and the children git along and how the cow does and how the garden is and if Abe Near will fix the backhouse. I think that we will stay here till next week. Winslow has ver ni two hundred men here. We expect Harne here today with 23 men. He is to Albany now. There is a world of men here and they keep going and come.

You state in your letter that you did not sleep in the bunk. Neither do I. I sleep on the floor. I and Jake. We have a good blanket double under us, two coats and a blanket over us. We sleep warm as mice. When we go away from here we may git a furrow. We have not seen the pay saddle yet. Just as soon as (sine) that we will git \$30.00 from the government.

I left my money to Schenectady for Moalten to take to Male. I left \$4.75 dollars in money and five hundred in bond. I will write to Male to pay up my debts and the rest of the money he will pay to you. The bond let him keep till it is due. I want you to buy such things as you need. Clothe yourself good and the children too.

I want to say a few words to Fren Walker that you must stick to Old Abe. You must have a mind of your own. Walk up to the polls and put in a clean tick for Old Abe. That is my policy.

James L. Christman