

New York Bay  
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I have look for a letter most every day this week. I wrote Friday an Saturday an Tuesday. The first letter I did not write for answers because I did not know how long I would stay. I want to know how the children git along. I want to know how you all are. I sent my clothes from here to New York. I had them express to Palatine Bridge an so to Nelson Burnap. You will find them there. I want you to write whether Male has got my bounty yet I direct(ed) through the hands of J.T. Nulty be given. To Male Boudish I give my accounts to him to set up. P. Hoage I forgot I owe him \$4.75 cents. I spoke to Charles Hubbs to ( ? ) fire wood. You must have him pile it between the shop and the house and git someone to saw it up and pile it up in the shop so they won't cut up the floor.

Jake received a letter from Ester. I went up to the Post Office for a letter but there was none for me. I got one for Jake. This is the fourth letter I have wrote and no answer yet. If you can't write let J.B. Walker or Sol Hubbs. I intend to write about two letters a week. I you to do the same. I want you to let me what is the name of the place where Borsh is. I want to send him a letter. I aim again to write er chance I git. I shall write in a day or two to Male Boudish. I want you to cloth the children good. Ester wrote to Jake that Harne Salburg was coming down here today with 23 men. He is First Lieutenant. We ( ? ) the Capt. and him today. I want you to git Abe to rite the Back House up and put in it a new pump in the well as soon as Male pays my debts, the balance of money he will pay to you. You must write as soon as you get this for I don't know how long I may stay here.

Direct your letter to Harts Island, New York Bay.

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