

for us to report to a great
pile of ~~part~~ Boards and take
them up to the upper ~~part~~ end
end of the Island and pile
them up a gain. Such has been
my employment since Brandon
But you may be sure none of
us worked hard enough to
hurt our sales. I know I did
not. Well I despair! I have
written a long mess of stuff
that I know can't be of any
interest to you. as any one else
so I will try and think of some
thing ~~else~~ else if I can.

I have made an awful game
of this. I guess I had letters
lay this one side and wrote
untilt morning and see if
I can think of something of
more importance than Caul
Piles and Boards. & the like
So with our sweet kits and I
am gone. Good night. Sadie
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Parade Island. Dec. 2. 1850
My Darling Sadie

I received
yours letter. Thanks giving do
and was as glad as could
be to hear from you again
beside being thankful. We
had a grand time here on
the Island that day. had
lots of roast Turkey. But your
letter was worth more to me
than all the rest. I mailed
a letter to you the day before
I got yours. and I was expect-
ing an from you again. a
day. But I have not seen
any yet. I neglected answering

your last letter for the
reason that I was expecting
to go away. I was reported
for duty the 28th of November
and so was Hook. We have
been expecting to go away
every day since. But have
not gone yet. and no one
knows when we shall. We
may go to Maroon. And may
not go in three weeks. I
shall write any way. I need
write any longer for I know
you like to hear from me
often. though I suppose I write
a great many simple silly
things that you don't care a
bent reading. But you say
you shall write what you
please to me. And I can't
help myself. So if you take
that liberty, ^{though I can say that} you must not
complain if I. Dito. Will you?

I suppose you commenced your
pedagogical labors (as you say)
last Monday. I should like to
know how you like it. I have
thought of you ever so many
times since Monday. sometimes
I have thought I could ^{almost} see
you looking awful cross at
some ugly little g or other. But
may be I did not see right.
I will tell you what I have
been doing since Monday.
There was a lot of us that
was reported for duty. ordered
to report at head quarters
at 9 o'clock then they gave
each man a shovel. And
the next order was to report
to a great Coal Pile and commence
shoveling it into Bags.
And when we had our shovels
and taken the pile of Coal
there come an other order