

Hosp'l Camp Parole Annapolis MD  
July 7th/63

Dear Parents

Yours of the 2d inst arived to day. It found me well. I have not of course regained my usual streangth but am feeling well nevertheless & gaining streangth slowly. O Mother you dont know how much good it does me to recieve a letter from home stating that all is well. It relieves the mind of its anxiety & is A greater joy. A greater pleasure. Tis more welcomb than a costly tresure. Money the Idol of mankind cannot purchase a prize valued so high. With what plesure I read you letter once twice & yet again. It seemed as I read as if you were talking to me. when I closed a tear would come forth & trickle down my cheek. I felt like thanking god that thing at Home are as well as they are. To think how the Boys take hold with such a good will. Doing work that I never had to do. Going to skidding Logs. I hope they will have good success. not get hurt. Father contented & happy Your health improving & every thing on the Farm looking so prosperous O it cannot be otherwise than a decree of the all wise god that we should prosper. I am sorry you have the teethache. I know how to sympathize with you One of my teeth grumbles once in a while. If it bothers me much I shall have *[the rest of the letter is missing--the following postscripts were on the first page]*

Send an Envelop in each Letter if you please

P.S. I only send \$5 in this I think it will be better & safer to send it 5 at a time

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