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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Francis P. Porter

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Annapolis Md.

March 8th 1865

My Dear Frank

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again. I was paroled for exchange at
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to see you before long. I suppose
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2 weeks have elapsed. I shall know
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still remember me as of the former
times when you told me I had won
your heart. - Then my dear you was
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you have grown older as I have
also. But shall that separate
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Is not that so. Tell me now
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we at least, one would be
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against our gods. Have
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are you ready to marry? if
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to me. Write to me at James
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comes here. I am ready
to marry as soon as I see you
& arrange my military affairs
I ask you if you are ready
that is have you an outfit
If you need money send me
word in your next.
Frank Burn this in im-
-mediately will you not?
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simple to any one else
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Have you kept in good health? Are you ready to marry? If so, please tell me in your letter to me. Write to me at Zanesville for I presume I will not be here when your letter comes here. I am ready to marry as soon as I see you & arrange my military affairs. I ask you if you are ready, that is, have you an outfit. If you need money, send me word in your next.

Frank, burn this immediately will you not? It would look so simple to anyone else, but to me it is my true sentiments to you. I love you as well as one man can love the woman of his choice among others.

Tell me all the news. Westbrook, Wash Hull, Bill Lucken, Elisha Standefort are well, all except Standefort. Write me all the news. Don't show this to your mother. I am in good spirits & good health. Maybe now I am writing to free to you but if there is anything you don't like in this, just point them out in yours.

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