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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Francis P. Porter

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Annapolis, Md., May 26th

Dearest Frank,

Tomorrow I go to my Right.

I am going on the 6 o'clock train in the morning to Washington. I am in good health. I hope you have improved since your last. Was exchanged Yps. 26. The War Dept. must have been very busy of resignations sent in lately. But the officers who have done so, in part, are ordered to join their Commands. My order is dated May 2. I was not sent in any resignation yet, & I shall not now. I think I am boarding when I wrote to you when I first landed & c. Mr. Shively's having changed to Mrs. Thursclark's on Green St. My health has been splendid since here. Last Sunday I got a little bowl. Bro. Jacob all well.
Ships and Co. have obtained a judgment against Jacob 8.2 for nearly 3,000 dollars. They can’t move that latter what we call our own. Do you? I can make a living for you & I. I’m sure & we will communicate as soon as I get out of the army. What do you think of me going to Mexico? I can get it better. But I hope to advance in all ways. If you ever this want you to write as soon as you can. I expect to be out soon. Sherman Army is coming to Maryland. The 6th Corps (my corps) is here. Tell me what you think about it. I don’t want you to fear that I’ll go. Because if I do, Your consent I want first. Don’t you think the war is over? Are not we a happy people? To say Lincoln reaches his last home... At home! But that! How the American people love that dead! I dear and you man. May he rest in peace!

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Yours truly,

A. S. A.
May 3, 1865

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Ain't you glad to hear the war is over? Are not we a happy people? Today, Lincoln reaches his last home. At Home! But Dead. How the American people love that man. Great and good man, may he rest in peace.

Frank I hope you won't think hard of me for my past to you. You don't know how much I've thought about it lately, but I hope to atone for all my sins.

If you receive this, I want you to write as soon as you can. I expect to be out soon. Sherman's army is coming to Maryland. The 6th Corps (my corps) is near Danville. You will get a letter from me when I arrive. My advice to you about "that tooth" of yours is to get it fixed at a good dentist's as soon as possible. I don't want you to lose your teeth. I've had mine fixed lately. There is a good dentist here. Dr. Walton.

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