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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Jacob G. Armstrong

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Libby Prison Richmond Virginia

August 28 1863

Dear Bro. Jacob -

Your letter Dated Aug 1st I rec'd on the 23^d of Aug. - I got your other letter - I have no doubt that you would like to see me released from this Prison, But if the government says no I'll have to stay - The negro question may keep me in here til the end of the war - Which I hope will be soon - I'm sorry Mother is unwell Tell her not to get sick - I was awful glad to hear that my Dear friend Bob Hanson is at home Give him my love - God Bless him!

I heard all about Morgan in the Richmond Papers O But I was afraid he would capture you - I think the war will soon be over We get all the news - I was brought to this Prison on my Birthday - Jacob I dont want to scare you But I will tell you that I took the fever on the 4th of Aug & was very low But our Confederate Doctor Simmons used Skill in my case & thank God I am nearly well again tho still in the

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war But I hope not - I hope the Commissioners
of exchange will agree upon terms that will
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Capt. Turner the commandant of Libby
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I can't draw it at all - I sold my watch for
\$30. Confederate, with this I buy butter, taters,
Peaches & melons -

There is a flag of truce boat up & this
letter will soon reach you the flag of truce boat
comes to City Point & then the Commissioners
meet Col Meredith the federal & Judge Child
confederate - I hope they will agree upon
the exchange of officers as I don't want to
stay here all winter there are 6 officers
from the 122 here Chap McCabe Dr
Houston 1st Lt Taylor Co K - 2nd Lt S
Anderson of Co K & Paul of Co C & myself
I got a letter from Capt Gary & Jeff
McMullen dated 6 miles south of
Warrenton Va the 122 is in the 3rd Corps
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I pray for myself & for you too

fare well

Thos S Armstrong

Soldiers Letter



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August 28, 1863

Addressed to Jacob G. Armstrong, Esq

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I got a letter from Capt Gary & Jeff McMillan, dated 8 miles south of Warrenton Va. The 122 is in the 3rd Corps; they were well. Albert Hammond was wounded in the right elbow.

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Farewell

Thos S Armstrong