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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Jacob G. Armstrong

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Libby Prison Richmond Va

Aug 28 1863

Dear Bro Jacob

Hours of the 13th Aug arrived
the 25 - Oh how glad I was to hear from you -
I've been in Libby over 2 months It goes
easier than at first - But I'd rather roam
over the Mycoff farm and eat Peaches &
good dinners gotten up by Mother or Mary
or Eliza - Tell them (Mary & Eliza) to keep up
analysing by diagrams for practice
I am getting stout fast - My fever was light
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such an influence! The room we are con^{nt}
fined in is 41 steps long & 17 wide or 123 long
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ing to "Isaac" our Darky - He got away -
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Alex. Grant's Store in Zanesville - my
socks shirts Bible drawers "Paradise Lost"
Pictures of Manchester - O I wish I'd sent them
home! I lost all & my Stockdale Boots
also - I have a blouse pants & shirts - 1 pair socks
& my old Boots & an overcoat fortunately -
I will send for a box from you if I find I have
to stay here this winter - It will come thro
Richmond is a pretty place We are on the
banks of the River & can look across into
Manchester - We can see the Confederate Cap-
itol Building I've no doubt father
Remained here at Prayers - We have
Prayers here - We can worship God
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will

My love to all

Your Bro

Wm. S. Armstrong



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August 28, 1863

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