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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to William Armstrong and Jane Armstrong

Thomas S. Armstrong

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Libby Prison Richmond Va

Sept 9 1863

Dear father & Mother there is a flag of truce
up - I am hearty - Still in Hospital but
pretty nearly recovered - If you get any as-
surance that we are not to be exchanged
send me a box ^{express} pay freight to Fort Mon-
roe - I want military cap No 7 1/2 - 2 faber lead pencils
Nos 2 & 4, Combs, tooth brush, light pair shoes, Envelopes paper
stamps, ginger pills, Socks, flannel shirts ground coffee tea
(Plate tin) tin cup knife fork & spoon - 14 pen/knife
sugar pens ink drawing paper writing paper Diary
Rat tail file & an 3 cornered file -
drawing colors pin cushion &c. Mother knows you know
Drawers Plain vest (Blue)
what I will need in cold weather in a box
about 24 by 18¹⁵ inches - Dont have to pay from
Fort Monroe to the place (a towel) needles &c
I am well treated feel comfortable plenty
to eat - nice weather - Only write 1
page. or I wont get it Direct the Box
to Genl S.M. Meredith
Fortress Monroe Va
for J S Armstrong
Incl Lieutenant
Libby Prison
Richmond Va
care of
Genl Winder

Dont send till you think
I stay here
My love to all

Do as you please about Thos S Armstrong
sending But I need it now badly

P.S. Send it right off (^{also} cigars) or cut a & capsicum
Sticks sixes

[Faint, mostly illegible cursive handwriting covering the majority of the envelope's surface.]



Parlor Carter

My dear Mother

Dear Mother

Miss Mollie B. Armstrong
Miss Mary C. [unclear]
Miss [unclear]

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The first part of the
 letter is written in
 a very elegant hand
 and is full of
 interesting particulars
 which I have not
 time to transcribe
 at present. I shall
 however give you
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 the substance of
 it. The first part
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for T S Armstrong

2nd Lieutenant

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