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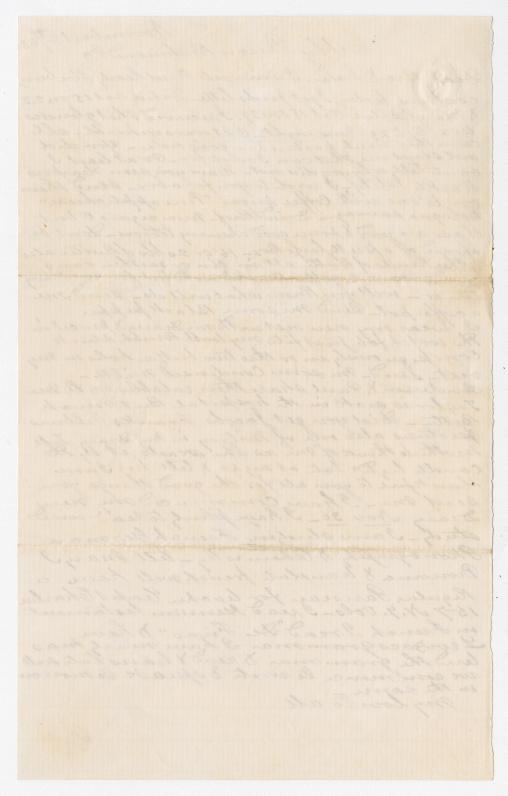
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November 1 5/63 Lorbby Prison Richmond Va Dear Bro & Sister. I am well and Kearly Live been cooking today, I got Jacobs letter Daled Oc1 15 on 23 & marys Daled Oct 18 on 27. I received that glorious Box Oct 29 Thurs might - O It was acceptable all came thro micely packed 8 in good order - you did not send me that can I wont for - Or at least I can't tell why you did not - Heave you seen Hearpers Markle lately - I wrote to you for a box - Dand them on to me with Coffee sugar "Pine applicheese" Bologna sawage Dried Beef mon cigars O but those are good & some good chewing tobacco - Lons be afraid of a pretty large Box - 13- or 20 bbs of Butter also other Runds of Butte all in time of 201 her cans send me a 2 gallon Bucked with liet for cooking tim or - well you know what well do - send me a coffer pot - send me some Black pepper I wear my new vest with my Searry & bencel in conspignously in or theo two button holes in my vest- Send- me some Condensed milk-Anderson & Paul share their Ealable with me Tay lor is sick in the hospital But much Betty - Diet you get Jacobs Franks Welburs prother to think of me as She seads it by the candle light late at might & tell her Jame shankful to you all for the good things you Deary Now 30_ I have plent to read and study I am shrelying French German Thomography & Chem is by tell mary I Pronome & handlate french well have a Regular Farescan for leacher Capes Charles in French I read "De Frivas" D'have Levisacs gramman I have nearly mas level the gram man & read & brans late well we commence to write & speak to morrow my love to all



November 1, 1863

Addressed to Jacob G. Armstrong

Norwich Muskingum Co.

Ohio

Libby Prison Richmond Va. November 1st/63

Dear Bro & Sister. I am well & hearty. I've been cooking today. I got Jacob's letter dated Oct 15 on 23 and Mary's dated Oct 18 on 27. I received that glorious Box Oct 29 Thursday night. Oh, it was acceptable. All came thro nicely packed & in good order. You did not send me that can I wrote for or at least I can't tell why you did not.

Have you seen Harper's Weekly lately? I wrote to you for a box. Send them on to me with coffee, sugar, "pine apple cheese," bologna, sausage, dried beef, more cigars, O but those are good & some good chewing tobacco. Don't be afraid of a pretty large Box. 15 or 20 lbs. of butter also other kinds of butter all in tin or earthen cans. Send me a 2 gallon bucket with lid for cooking, tin or, well, you know what will do. Send me a coffee pot. Send me some black pepper.

I wear my new vest with my diary & pencil in the watch fob. Just fits, my toothbrush stuck conspicuously in or thro two button holes in my vest. Send me some condensed milk. Anderson & Paul share their eatables with me. Taylor is sick in the hospital, but much better.

Did you get Jacobs, Franks, Wilburs pictures also one of Milroy in my diary. Tell Mother to think of me as she reads it by the candlelight late at night & tell her I am thankful to you all for the good things you sent me. I have commenced my new diary Nov 30.

I have plenty to read & study. I am studying French, German, Phonography, & Chemistry. Tell Mary I pronounce & translate French well. Have a regular Parisian for teacher. Capt Charles 157 N.Y. Vols. I read German testament; in French, I read "De Fivas." I have Levezacs Grammar. I have nearly mastered the grammar & read & translate well. We commence to write & speak tomorrow in the same.

My love to all.