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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Armstrong Family

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November 1st 1863

Libby Prison Richmond Va

Dear Bro & Sister, I am well And heartily I've been cooking today, I got Jacobs letter Dated Oct 15 on 23 & Marys Dated Oct 18 on 27. I received that glorious Box Oct 29 Thurs night - O! 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 cant tell why you did not - Have you seen Hearpers 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 tobaccos - Don't be afraid of a pretty large Box - 15 or 20 lbs of Butter also other kinds of Butth 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 looth snug & 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 Melburs pictures also one of Milroy in my Diary Tell Mother to think of me as she reads it by the candle light 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 and study - I am studying French German Phonography & Chemistry - tell Mary I Pronounce & translate french well have a Regular Parisian for teacher Capot Charles 15-7 N. 9. vols - I read German Testament in French I read "De Fijas" & have Levisacs grammar I have nearly mastered the grammar & read & translate well we commence to write & speak tomorrow in the same -

My love to all

Handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is extremely faint and illegible due to fading and the quality of the scan. It appears to be a letter or a document with several paragraphs of text.

November 1, 1863

Addressed to Jacob G. Armstrong

Norwich Muskingum Co.

Ohio

Libby Prison Richmond Va. November 1st/63

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