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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Francis P. Porter

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Libby Prison, Richmond, Va. Nov. 6, 1863

Dear friends, I have waited for a long time for an answer to my letter at last it came; I never got your letter. Nearly 6 months I've been in this military prison. Have been in the hospital nearly 2 months with fever & tin fever. I am exceedingly anxious to see my dear friends once more & to have my liberty. I am well now, at least as much so as a prisoner can be. My folks are well. Jacob is getting well of his wounds received at Lawrence, Kansas, of Quantrell's men. He was shot thru the thigh in the breast & left arm breaking his arm. I was very sick, was sick & glad to hear he had recovered & was again on duty. Our hopes of getting out of here soon are slim indeed. I cannot wish much as the laws are against it. Don't let me know if you don't get mine, at least once a week. Give my love to the members of your father's family & to your own. I am doing the best I can. I should like to call on you in your large school. I'll remember you & send her good luck in hers.

Farewell to all.

[Signature]
November 6, 1863

Libby Prison Richmond, Va. Nov 6, 1863

Dear friend Frank, I have waited for a long time for an answer to my letter; at last it came. I never got your other letter. Nearly 5 months I've been in this military prison. Have been in the hospital nearly 2 months with remittent fever. I am exceedingly anxious to see my dear friends once more & to have my liberty. I am well now at least as much so as a prisoner can be. My folks are well. Jacob is getting well of his wounds received at Lawrence, Kansas of Quantrell's men.

He was shot through the thigh, in the breast, & left arm, breaking his arm. I was sorry Geo. was sick but glad to hear he had recovered & was again on duty.

Our hopes of getting out of here soon are slim indeed. I can't write much as its laws are against it. Write to me even tho you don't get mine at least once a week. Give my love to the members of your father's family. Write soon. I am doing the best I can. I should like to call on you in your large school. Tell Huldah I wish her good luck in hers.

Farewell. Thos S Armstrong