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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Francis P. Porter

Thomas S. Armstrong

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Libby Prison Richmond Va Dec 22/63

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Yours as ever T. S. Amstutz

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