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## Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Francis P. Porter

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Libby Prison Richmond Va.

July 28<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1863—

Dear friend Frank:

Ever this you've been apprised that I'm a Prisoner of War. On my birthday I was incarcerated in these walls June 25- 1863— I may stay here for years and at present it looks pretty uncertain. But I hope I shall be let out soon but all is conjecture— I have very little to hope for— I'm very well— I've not heard one word from any of my friends since I came from Winchester & some days before the battle— I have not even heard from my regiment no not one word from any one— please to write to me if you expect to get an answer from me you will have to enclose in your answer to this an envelope, stamps, & 1/2 sheet of paper. Be Brief in your letters tell me about your home &c it is all open & inspected

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By the chaplains & two sermons  
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Direct to

"G. S. Armstrong Federal Prisoner  
Lobby prison  
Richmond Va  
via Fortress Monroe"

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