Port Royal S.C. Nov.25, 1863

Dr. Brother. I received your letter of Nov. 15th this morning and was very glad to hear from home. I have written 2 letters since I arrived on this Island and this is the first one that I have received in answer. I am well although being so far from home I must confess that I am a little homesick. You wanted to know what clothes I had drawn. I drew 2 pr of drawers, 1 pr. of shirts, a pr of pants and a blouse, 1 pr of shoes, 2 pr of stockings and a cap in Hartford. I drew 1 over coat in New Haven [and 1 dress coat, 1 pr of pants same color as coat, 1 rubber blanket here at Port Royal]. I have not found out the price of the clothing, but I shall as soon as I can and so keep an acct of it. I have not been paid off yet. The old soldiers were paid off on about the 15th of Nov. We get our pay every 2 months. Next pay day will be middle of January, then the whole Regt will be paid I suppose. I am getting rather low for cash. I wish you would send me $5 in Green backs so that I may not get out entirely. I shall not spend anything foolishly, but it is necessary to have a little money on hand. When I am paid I shall send home all that I do not need. You write that you are trapping. Is Austin buying fur this winter. I have just come in from drill, now I will commence again. We packed our knapsacks yesterday Tuesday and marched a short distance down to what is called the Provost Guards close to the beach. We are in barracks now. We drill on the Beach, it is a nice place to drill. The sand is hard as a floor and level. We have not all got muskets yet, but as soon as we get drilled I suppose we shall have to do guard duty. Penne is not very well, he has been cook till about 10 days ago when he was claped (sic) into the guard house as being accessory to the roberys (sic) committed on board the De Molay coming down here, but nothing was proved against him as the ones that were robbed testified that he had nothing to do with it. They were all in the aft part of the ship and we were in the fore part. He went in aft where there was a lantern to light his pipe and they knocked the lantern out of his hand and smashed it and made a pass at him, but did not hit him and he skedadled back where I was. He is in Co. I. He went out to drill this morning and he had to cave in. He has got a touch of the Chills & Fever. As I am writing this the Sergeant brings me in a paper, the Willimantic Journal which came with the letter. Very glad to see it.

What is Uncle Henry doing. How many Goslings have you got and how do you sell them. You say that Ed Simons has got home. Where does he stop and what is he going to do for a living.

You know that I am not much of a hand to write and a poor composer, but it will be a pleasure for me to write if you are as glad to hear from me as I am from home. You must write once a week if you can and I will try to answer

Send me $5 in Green backs as no other money but U.S. will pass here.

Direct to Henry E. Hall

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Port Royal, S.C.

P.S. You can direct to Port Royal, or Hilton Head all the same