Port Royal After Mar.9th, 1864

Dr. Friends

 Yours postmarked the 26th was received to day. Also one of the 21st a few days previous in which was a $5 note which was very acceptable being out of money at the time. I wrote for you to send me a box but you may not trouble to send it seeing you have sent the money. I can get butter down here for 4 cts per lb. and we live very well. For breakfast we have wheat bread and coffee with a slice of boiled pork or beef cold (for dinner one day we will have baked beans and Pork with bread, another day it will be boiled Ham and potatoes, then boiled fresh beef and potatoes.) For supper hot coffee and bread, so you see that we fare well to what some of the soldiers eat.

 Today it is raining and I am not on guard but expect to be tomorrow and detailed for camp police. That is there are 2 or 3 detailed each morning out of each company to police the camp that is to rake the ground all over which is done in an hour or so in the forenoon. Then in the afternoon we take a box and go around and pick up all the pieces of paper and all other trash that gets scattered around. There is nothing new to write that I know of. The Steamer Mapleleaf has been blown up by the Rebs, you may have seen an acct of it in the papers. I used to see her here at the dock quite often. Sometimes we hear cannon off in the direction of Fort Pulaski or Seabrook, but the Rebs would have a hard time of it if they should attack us inside of the intrenchments (sic). There would be some loud talk from the 300 pounders.

Who has Tom hired to help him this season and how is his foot? I have just been down town to see if I could find some flower seeds but I could not find any but what come from the North. I bought two papers. I do not know what they are. I will send a copy of the Falmouth Herald occasionally which is printed here and also the Free South.

 I do not think of anything more at present so will close.

 This from

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