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Sampe Simues & Nov 1863 V Gran Mary Ganss was the a for days before Our imore, from hillhenny to this filice & Abrild have blen Aneered Long Since had of being Well. Y. Since Hiported for Anty & have been Absint hearly all My time on Packets Contite I thas Som Willsand Seft So Linch, hadd of bein his flourd would have stayed until I tous Well. I gor a Lorg time was Jong I aid not Stay at Home Longer, Mary I have Lost all the Palritisand Fiver had. Y. am how a Bre chan Y dont Case thisch how it comes an find of Sovery this life t. Nant to Stay with my family I pass of may house thinking about this little Bips of Knows they are so Interesting how, I have been Trying to get a few do so to Come home Coryn Linee I heard my Brother Was Nomeant it is chearley Impossible to get off- I want to Try agains tich I do get offil will be Home 13 of 4 but I is write finsertam - a dislike our Present Location the bouten is very bad. I. Confined on I bland Some Sug doe are good Bate for ite faites

the is thought by Several that the Wife Som go to Charleton Y. helpt to form a Brygode to be Comment by your R. H. Anderson, this may be true as I heave Some Companyo- of Home Gards Will Arest Weeck Relieve Some of hor Pickets I it may be for that Perfore of Sending and a sour - greate besterning Prevailes amonto Some of her Boys tat is in the Hobbit of Ananping it. Y. Know Chance to get of of the Stand, I a Muse myself agos Heale by telling then they are to be put in front Up the Battles that it is a Sate order that all. min that for Deserted have to hearve as breast North for the Bulance Smit five beleavere itse Provisions is Scarce, V. Mer Rashtion is cut Shoster To, the you at this time fuds as poorly I here the will get back dofe of sight Bread her Day latry Bucon is only Worth \$3,50 do for found. Butter Soo. Potatoes 3 fin po Quart V. Sarge ones- So prace Caft Henry Days all the Hodder Our Homes Gates Cost the your 450 \$ 500 as Aundrese Wohat is our for Woman & Children to do Y the only Francy from the for 11 \$ 12 \$ pr min the ip. this your Continues Son many Will stare. Please write me. Look I. all tetas This gour chularen for me. hespectfuli, Siles

## Dear Mary,

Yours was rec [received] a few days before our move from [Killerny?] to this place & would have been answered long since had I of been well. & Since reported for duty I have been absent nearly all my time on picket [counters?]. I was sorry William left so sick. Had I of been in his place I would have stayed until I was well. I for a long time was sorry I did not stay at home longer. Mary I have lost all the patriotism I ever had & am now a peace man and don't care much how it comes. I am tired of living this life & want to stay with my family. I pass up many hours thinking about my little boys. I know they are so interesting now. I have been trying to get a few days to come home ever since I heard my Brother was home but it is nearly impossible to get off. I want to try again & if I do get off I will be home 13 or 14 but it is [very uncertain?]. I dislike our present [station? situation?] the [Quarter?] is very bad & confined on & [island?]. Some say we are good Bate [sic] for the [Yankees?]...

... and is thought by several that we will soon go to Charleston & help to form a Brigade of Cavalry to be commanded by Gen. R.H. Anderson<sup>i</sup>. This may be true as I [hear?] some companys [sic] of home guards will next week relieve some of our pickets & it may be for that purpose of sending us away. Greate [sic] excitement prevails among some of our boys that is in the habit of Swamping it & know [sic] chance to get off of the [Island?]. I amuse myself a good deal by tell them they are to be put on front of the battles that it is a [late?] order that all men that ever deserted have to serve as breastwork for the balance. Some few believed it. Provisions is scarce & our rations is cut shorter so the Gov at this time feeds us poorly. I hear we will get half loaf of light bread per day extra. Bacon is only worth \$3.50 cts pr. pound. Butter 500. Potatoes 37 ct pr. [roast?] & large ones 50 piece. Capt. Henry says all the fodder our horses eats cost the gov 4.50 & 5.00 per hundred. What is our poor women & children to do & we only drawing from the gov. 11 & 12 pr month if this war continues long many will starve. Please write me soon & all the [news?]. Kiss your children for me.

Respectfully, S.S. Siles [L.S. Siles?]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Richard Heron Anderson (October 7, 1821 – June 26, 1879)