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Yours &c
Henry Hutchinson
Prisoner of war
Richmond Isl.

Richmond Oct 4, 1861
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stay until spring I for one would
have a rag to my back unless
our captors see fit to give us some
which I think they will do for
they are not so small as to keep
men prisoners & not take good care
of them how is business in Detroit
is there much doing but I suppose
not in these dull times are the
folks all well you must tell
the girls not to feel anxious
about me for I am in good
health & waiting patiently for
the time to come when I shall
see you all again which I hope
will be in a short time we are
confined in a Tobacco Factory

on the main street there is a St
Rail Road past our door this is a
nice town as far as I have seen
Lewis Hartman has been sick
with the measles but is well
again he being a good butcher
is working in the cook house for
which gives him plenty of exercise
Hubbard Smith is in the hospital
taking care of the wounded he
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We are confined in a Tobacco Factory on the main street there is a steam rail road past our door. this is a nice town as far as I have seen.

Hubbard Smith is in the Hospital taking care of the wounded he is well and in good spirits I don't know of anything else to write unless it is to answer this as soon as you get it and send me some money for I am very much in need of it give my love to my Sisters and all of my Friends not forgetting yourself direct to the care of Gen Wool Fortless Monroe and it will be sure to reach me (instructions for writing back note the ledger paper upon which the letter was written and the way sentences were strung together)

Yours and Co

Henry Hutchison

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Richmond, VA