

Copy of Letter to
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My Dear Brother

We have been very unhappy
here in your regard, for the first two weeks
we could hear nothing reliable of your fate

But hoped as the only chance, that you
were a prisoner, this hope was confirmed
on the 11th, Since that time, we have
been unceasing in our efforts to communica-
te with you. We suppose you must need
clothes, as we cannot send the goods,
we are led to hope, that a letter of credit
will be permitted to reach you, I cannot
yet decide on just the mode of doing this
as there are so many contradictory stories
told. But hope to be able to make arrange-
ments with Adams Express Co, In the
meantime, if any chances offer, of your
borrowing from any source, I will refund
any amounts immediately, You will
draw as little as your needs will permit

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A. Brown in
Adams N.Y.

But if any of the prisoners from Detroit, need assistance, I wish it to be afforded in every reasonable case.

I do not expect you will need anything that is not furnished by the Confederate States Authorities, except perhaps cloths.

I should have very much preferred, to have gone to Richmond myself, but this of course would not be permitted.

Ellen, Matty & Matilda are all with us and quite well, George has not succeeded in his Hotel, and has given it up, Sarah is in St Johns, both are well, Wm is doing very well in his store, and we hope will continue to do so, Margaret and your other Sisters feel very anxious on account of your situation, I do not, as your life is safe, I feel that we all have cause for satisfaction. Hard fare and confinement, are of course not the pleasantest circumstances, to find ones self in, But a little Philosophy in such situations, is very consoling, It might have been much worse. Endeavor to keep cheerful, and take all the exercise you can

If you are put to work so much the better. Do not under any temptation attempt to escape, aside from the danger. I should not feel satisfied to think you had violated some promise. If you have the means of writing, do so as often as possible, but avoid all mention of Public Matters, as if you are permitted to write to us, you are bound of course not to abuse the privilege. Tell us of the health of yourself and companions by name also if you need anything I can do, and such other matters of social interest as may occur to you. I may not succeed in making arrangements for sending money, and do not feel very sanguine. I think it very likely that as Col Wilcox is somewhat known in Richmond, that his assurance of my ability and good faith, would procure you or Louis Hartmeyer or Hubbard Smith, or Joseph Tugersoll any necessities either of you may need. Any monies or cloths furnished to either of you, will be repaid on sight of Draft countersigned by you