Hilton Head S.C.
June 12th

My Mother

The Steamer has arrived bringing a letter from you to your Dattles Boy. Everything is terribly dull and quiet here. Our principal amusement just now is Chess. There has been considerable trouble here occasioned by the failure of our Raid. Col. Ruggly has been under arrest for some days but will be fully acquitted of any neglect of duty. I think what is the reason that I do not hear from any of Uncle Bob's. The news we get from the Army of the Potomac is very encouraging. I wish that I was with them. They are acquiring Honor and Glory while we are doing nothing. Everything moves terribly slow here. They have not commenced raising that Cavalry yet. Consequently I cannot yet say my 2nd ambition, but it will all come in good time.
I was very much pleased with the letter from friend Willie. He wished me to send him some moments of this County. I purchased a napkin ring purchased at a fair got up by the Museum in St. Augustine, Florida. He undoubtedly knows that it is the oldest town in the U.S.

Giving best regards to all the family. Also to Dr. Hays & family. I have given up much hope of getting home this summer unless I get a speedy promotion. I have not heard from that for some time but him to write.

Yours affectionately,

[Signature]
Beaufort S.C.
June 21st 1863

Dear Mother,

I was beginning to think that you had forgotten me entirely. When the steamer brought me your last letter, so that has made you a visit. How did she succeed in getting so far from home at this season of active operations? Does she know anything about H. Elliott, Julian, Bryant, or any of the Princeton boys that are down shore? What are Uncle Cas Family doing now? I should like very much to see them and shall try to get home this winter if I get my promotion. What is the reason I do not hear from any of them? Lizzie Blanchard has not answered my letter last letter. I was interrupted after writing this letter and was unable to resume my writing until the present date June 21st.
Consequentley my letter will not go
until the last of Steamers. I have just
rec a letter from Mrs. Hatter at Brinkburg
on the 15th ult. Cant imagine what
has delayed it so long on the road also
a Paper from Cheal that enclosed me
a letter from Mrs. Hatter. She speaks of
Mrs. Hatter Orleans, and says "yes it is so.
What is the Matter is she dead or has she
an increase of family. I am very glad
that I am not entirely forgotten by my
friends at home. I hope to meet them
again (if its the Lord's pleasure) with a good
deal of pleasure. So Jenny has grown up
into a good handsome young lady.
Did willie see the Pkg that I sent them.
There is some prospect of our being ordered
to Va. I hope we shall be as I would like
to be in at the death. There is no prospect
of active operations here for the present.
We are very pleasantly situated now and enjoy ourselves very as much as is possible in this Country. The heat thus far has not been as oppressive as I anticipated it would be. There is a good breeze the most of the time. And we have the luxury of Ice, Ice Cream, Vegetables etc. although at enormously high prices. What has become of Lyons and why does he not answer my letters? We have rumors of important victories gained by Grant among which are the reduction of Petersburg and the capture of D. Clark writes me that he thinks of going to college. I am glad of it. I think it would be a good thing for him. I send you a Photograph of Col. Bayly by Com. 9th U.S.C.S. He is an old friend of Uncle Edwards. Give my best regards to all my friends. If you can I wish you would send me a Photograph of Uncle Ellen

Your off son Austin
Beaufort S.C.
June 23-27 1864

Dear Sister,

Your letter of the 13th ult has just reached me. I was very glad indeed to hear from you. Also found Mrs. Holland's letter very interesting. What does she mean by the J profision. "It is as in regard to Mrs. Orlando." Has she died. Elipha has had an arm. I since written your letter. You have made a visit to Hutchinson, Chicago & Princeton. I wish I could have met you there. Has the peace changed much or is it the same old difference as when I left. Who have married. Did we? Here is a prospect of our being ordered to Virginia. I hope we may be. I have seen a good deal of service there. And would like to be in at the death if possible. What has become of H. Ellis?
To Julian Bryant. Are they still in the service? Are the rest of the Princeton boys? Tell me what you know about them.

The name of my Col. is Thomas B. B. and old friend of Uncle Sam's. The report of my Col. is high. He is from N.Y. a fine fellow but no soldier nor ever will be. You wished me to tell you about myself. Well, I am rather a hard customer. I earn Considerably if not more. I shoot Office and mine when ever the fit takes me. Have not got in the habit of drinking whiskey yet, but presume I shall smoke a pipe pretty regularly. Am pretty tough with the week but think I am rather a favorite with them. Notwithstanding, do my duty and make a pretty good soldier. As my health has been first rate ever since entering the service, have just looked in the Glass and think that I am pretty good looking. Will send you a Photograph when I have some taken.
We can carry as much baggage in this Dept as we wish. Consequently we are pretty comfortable here and prices to our tents. Chaps. take a seat. Write to me as often as you can. Try and pull through so that if possible we may meet once more in this "vale of tears below." I was on guard last night. Consequently do not feel very brilliant to say.

Your aff. Bro.

[Signature]
Bermuda HEADQUARTERS
Aug. 9th, 1817

Dear Father,

You will undoubtedly be surprised at the heading of this letter, as you probably have no intimation of our change of station. We left Hilton Head on the 4th inst. and arrived here on the 8th. And I assure you I was made a move that was more agreeable to my feelings. Now that we have got away from there, I will own that the climate & situation of the Dept. of the South was killing me. But now thank God I am once more with the glorious Army of the Potomae, and already feel five hundred per cent better. I shall probably not find much difficulty in accomplishing my earnest desire of getting into leave here. I have not time to write much more but notify Lizzie of the change of my address. We are assigned to the 18th Corps, Army of the Potomae. Write soon. Your affectionate Son

Austen
P.S. I wrote to Cheal just before leaving Beaufort, please tell him to write down and direct here.
You are the U.S.C.S. Commander, Petersburg, Va.

Sept 9, 1864

Mrs. Hudson

Dear Madame,

July 4th

I suppose you know that your son, Andrew Hudson, is now at prison in Rebel hands and as slightly armed in the fleecy part of his leg. He was ordered to his arms that he was a captive.

I had the great honor of meeting under flag of Truce Col. Little 1st Georgia, Col. who had seen you here, who took him prisoner-the Col. seemed most pleased with his young captive, admiring his fairness, manliness and said he many do for him as he could. I sent a note to St. Francis, by the Col. saying I would write his mother & tell her about him. Col. Little told me the wound was not at all dangerous, simply an infection.

Your son was taken.
in the fight of Aug. 16th (from which time they have had little opportunity for getting at our portfolio. And yesterday I heard that six who were captured at that time were to be exchanged—at least the evening.

Without straining the truth a very little I can assure you that Lieutenant Core is one of my best officers, better in the field and in action than in the mysteries and labyrinths of red tape. He is perfectly cool and good mannered in the most trying times, and I placed great reliance on him. We were all equally attached to him, and will welcome him back cordially and be ever all anxious to hear his news. I am always glad to do anything for you, Madison, in reference to your son or his affairs. I have done it with great pleasure.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

3rd Div. 10th C. S.
Officers 4th Reg. Maryland MD
Dec 19th 1864

Mr. H. D. Hammond
Dr. Sir

Your very kind letter of the 14th Inst. has just been received. I am glad to hear that I was of sufficient consequence when in Chicago to be missed a triple now I am absent. If Life enjoyed getting that sword as much as I did reading about it he was a very happy young man. It was so utterly unexpected that I hardly knew what to think of it. I don’t know whether to write to Life or not until I am officially informed in regard to the matter. I answered Mr. Delatore’s letter on the receipt of it. I am exchanged but have not ascertained what will be done in my case as yet. I have made application to be assigned to light duty but have not heard anything from it as yet. Exchanged prisoners are constantly arriving from at this point from Charleston. Some of them took
pretty well. Maj. Bogue of the 54th Mass (Colored) was confined with the Enlisted Men in the Pen at Andersonville. He has been transferred now. I believe to the Officers Quarters. I think the Pen over a year when captured they refused to drop his wounded or to allow him any attention. There have been no officers in Colored troops PARoled since I was. I realize more and more how very fortunate I was to get away from them. There are a great many of the men very soon after their arrival here. Fifty were buried to day and fifty or sixty last week. A great many come here after their friends and find only their clothes or some little relic left for them in the hands of a Comrade. I hardly know what to say about my sword until I hear from Lash. As I am assigned to duty shall want it. I will write to Mother often. I got my Mail this evening. My Love to all.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Albion 9/63
Miss Alice Friswold,
Morgan Park,
Miss.
Letters written during the
war by Austin Hirst, A.T.

For Miss Alice Westvall
(Copy)
Mobile Ala, March 26, 1867
Rev. C. M. Buckley
Superintendent of Education
Montgomery Ala.

SIR:

It seems that Mr. Branch has left the Superintendency of Schools in this city and gone into other business. I have no distinct information about it, but I have only vaguely intimated his design to do so. But practically, I see now, to be out, and has his mind occupied with other matters, I do not see him or hear from him, and school matters are at a standstill. A new school has been opened in one of the buildings which the General permitted to be rented, but the larger building is yet unrented, and no steps are being taken with regard to it. I did not deem it prudent to rent it until it was evident that schools would be opened immediately. The best and most promising school we had here (that formerly in St. Peter's Chapel) has been suspended, and is awaiting further arrangements for its accommodation. It seems to me that it is vitally necessary to have some one to supply Mr. Branch's place if it is his design to really leave and I have therefore thought it proper to acquaint you with the present state of affairs. In doing so, I assure you I have no wish or motive except to promote the welfare of the schools.

My relations to Mr. Branch have always been most amicable and in writing this, I trust I shall not be considered as officious or as wishing to make.
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Geo. H. Tracy
Capt. 15th Infy Bt. Maj U.S.A. Sub. Asst. O. M.
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