

Fort Pickens, Santa Rosa I.
March 2nd. 1868.

General J. W. Phelps,
Dear Sir,

I wrote you from Pensacola about the 1st of December. The 17th has now changed Station again. We are encamped just outside Fort Pickens. "Camp Stoughton", Col. Holbrook has named it. About three weeks before we left Pensacola an attack by a superior force was confidently expected and we worked night and day on our defences. The attack did not come however, though we had several night-alarms. The information received was, that 2200 Cavalry and some 5000 Infantry would make a dash to take prisoners and stores and burn the place. It appears Gen. Banks had some apprehensions for Ft. Pickens and the Navy yard for he reinforced both. Capt. Allen, 2^d Artillery, has command in the Fort. Lt. Col. ^{Peck} Peck commands the 7th, Col. Holbrook both.

Saturday evening I completed the rolls on which we are to be paid for six months, we are told. This ~~is~~ island is in some respects like Ship