



Belle Island Va Jan 10 1864

My Dear Mother Sisters
and Brothers

It is with great pleasure that
I again seat myself to write to
you I received your letter and Frank's
yesterday I also got one from you to
R & Leaver I wrote you last the 2nd
Dec and wrote for a box probably
you have got the letter before now
and the box is on the way I should
written before if I had had any
thing to write on if I had been
as lucky as the other boys I should been
to Annapolis now they were called out
and paroled the 27 Dec if 20 more
men had gone I should got out I
am the only one left now of our company
I have not been very well since the 1st Dec
my appetite craves something sour dried
apple or some other dried fruit