Ship Island
April 25th 1862.

Hon Frederic Holbrook.

Dear Sir:

A sense of indebtedness to yourself & a desire to acknowledge what perhaps I may never be able to repay, lead me to send you a short letter from the Camp of the 8th Regt.

You will be glad to know that we are exceedingly well situated, & that the health of the Officers & men is remarkably good. While we look back with some regret to the comforts of Camp Holbrook, not appreciated at the time they were enjoyed, we have still great reason for contentment at present. The climate is not oppressive, &