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Dear Father

I arrived here last Friday, it was quite a relief to return ^{to} my reg. The sickness in the reg. is very great, the change of water and diet has no doubt been the chief cause. The men are improving slowly, we have a fine healthy party from the salt water as much different from the prisoners in Louisiana that it must have a salutary effect, most of men that die ~~are~~ those that were sick at Pickens and Camp Williams, many of the cases assuming a scabrous appearance. The