

From Alex M. Bedford to Mary E. Bedford

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Johnsons Island Near Sandusky City

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Mrs[.] Mary E. Bedford

My Dear Wife[.]

I now attempt to write a gain to you[.] I change situations frequently these days & will try to keep you posted where I am[.] I am in fine health & your Brother is also[.] I wrote to you last from Indianapolis Indiana[.] we was with our boys then but the officers was Separated from the Privates[.] they remained at Indianapolis[.] Write to me a mediately & let me know how you are geting a long[.]

I want you to send me some thangs in the way of clothing[.] you can express them through & they will come Safe[.] Redmon wants [*text stricken through*] clothing also as we was captured with only the [MS. ink blot] we had on[.] I want a pair of good Boots[.] heavy calf or light kip double upper No[.] 9 cavelry Boots[.] Redmon wants a pair No[.] 7 thick souls each[.] George your Bro. will see to geting them for us[,] a pair of pants[,] socks[,] shirts & drawers[,] a Ball of yarn & darning kneedle & a few other kneedles in a cushion that I can carry in my pocket & some thread[,] a small towell[,] a piece that we can carry in our pockets[,] one of my razors & brush without the strop as it is too large to carry[.] we do not want any coats or hats or vests as we have good a nough to last us yet & plenty of clothing left behind at Viskburg[.]

I sent you sixty dollars in gold to you to be left with Sister Mary of St[.] Jo., for you write whether you have received or not[.] send what you can to me[.] I do not know your situation[.] I know how I left you but cant tell how you are now[.] I thought I would have you to come to see me but it is too fare [far] off for you to come[.] this page is all I am allowed to write[.] J.[T.?] Stephenson is here in fine health[.] my love to all & to yourself a portion[.]

your Husband

Alex M. Bedford

[P.S.] kiss my children for me & keep them at their Books. you see how to back your letters[.]