

Washington D.C. Dec 28th/63

Dear Brother

I received your letter on the 23rd and I was Pleased to get it. but to my mortification on opening it I not one cent of money when I expected a Christmas gift of not less than \$50.00 but seeing you did not send any I think I can get along. John the fiers Son, Christmas was rather dull here not anything going on of any account I went down town and over to the Institute and looked round a while at the different things. there is a lump of Copper there that weights 14.00 lbs. then there is one room full of Pictures of Indians Chiefs of different tripe and an Indian canoe

Made out of skins and Bows and
arrows every kind of Animals
and birds I seen a lump of lava
and a lump of Brimstone 18 inches
through or more one could not
see all the things in a week. Yesterday
morning it commenced to rain and
rained the most of the time since
it is some foggy this morning and
is not so cold. I have read the
account of the fight between John
C. Heenan & Tom. King Heenan
got licked like the devil that
time his boxing game did not
work as well as he expected that
is a boar for America old Abe
started for Forttress Monroe yesterday
morning at half past 8. his wife
and son along with him Philip
Yokum is Promoted he has got
to be Ambulance driver for our
com. the other teamster resigned

and come in the ranks George
Shrick started home yesterday
on a furlough for 11 days the
boys are all well as usual nothing
hardly going on. and all the
talk is about Heenan, & King the
days are long and it is something
like work to put the time in
Roll call at half past six in
the morning, & 8½ at night which
makes the days midling long
we have a very good times now we
are not on Guard as often as
we were at the Home for there we were
on every other day now we are
on about 12 days in one month
if it goes as well as that all winter
we will have it not so hard you
must write soon give my love to
Granny and all the rest ~~as~~ granny says I wish
Happy new Year to you all, from
W. A. Cutter