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My Dear friend Mrs Harris

I now take the liberty to write you once more but do not know as it will be exceptable I wrote to you in answer to yours but do not know as you have received it or not my helth is very good this winter which is a great blessing to one so far from home

I have not seen Leander since last 4 of July & have had one letter since then he was well then & have heard once since by the way of som men that have gon north on furlows I have written to him a number of times but he dos not take any notis of them but I cant blame him for they ar not woith eny ons notis as soon as I can get my [shap*] enlarged I shall try and get him detaild down hear with me I could enjoy my self first rate if he was only hear with me I felt very bad to think he should be oblige to go back to his company he to shall not stay thare long if I can have my way they ar not doing but little in this Dept in the line of fighting and probably will not do much at present one of our moniters went down a few days ago of Charlston has with 28 men which wer all last we have had a vey heavy wind for the last few days and it has caused the tide to rise 6 feet higher then command and the anchor chain being to short is what caused her to go down thare is only 10 feet of watter so it is most probable that they will rais her again I feel very glad I was not on maris Island through this torm for it must be very cold & disagreeable

tell Leander next time you write to him that I would like to have him remember me with a letter if it was not more then 6 lines

now I will not weary your patients with a longer litter this time & shall be very happy to receive a letter from you as [son*] as you receive this pleas to except this with my best regards from your friend

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