

Beaufort S. C.

February 11 1863

Dear Friends

I am happy to inform you that we are once more safely quartered here in the town of Beaufort S. C. We left Key West on Saturday last and arrived here on Monday night but did not disembark until yesterday morning. The voyage was somewhat stormy and all hands were sea sick, Cursed on it, it seems we cannot get used to it. I was very sick and did not get off my back for two days. However now I feel first rate again, as you always do after we get on shore. My men are all well, but two, James Wolfe & C. F. Stuart were left behind the boat having started some time before they thought it would. They will be on on the Cosmopolitan which will arrive this week.

We are on the eve of great events here. Twelve or fifteen thousand men under Gen Foster are here to do some work, but I understand a difficulty between him & Hunter has delayed it.

I cannot of course say whether or not but six Companies will take a part, but I presume we will. However I do not believe we will have much to do as the Iron Clads will do the greater part of the work. However much we may like it I should not be surprised if it were delayed some time.

We have strong hopes of having our four Companies at Fort Jefferson relieved ere long. Gen Hunter has placed Col Good in Command of the forces on Port Royal Island and so I think we can accomplish it. Hunter told the Col he would not do without us and he had us relieved at Key West. I should like to have staid there awhile longer.

I told you in my last Bill
Bendricks would remain in the Box
I was mistaken, He ordered him
along & he is with us.

Ed. Johnny Moonch
wishes you to ask Man Milvort if he
received three dollars that he gave to
Harry Wharton & forward to him for the
Amenkamen some time in November
last. Johnny has heard nothing of it and
he wishes to know if it was received. The
Amenkamen is sent to us but not marked
to Johnny.

A Mail leaves in the morning
I must close. Corporal Bartlow has joined
the Company again. He is well, but weak
much soon & cries as heretofore to
Beautiful S. O. Love & O's

Yours
J. M. M. J.