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Letter: W.E. Johnson to Anne Johnson, September 18, 1864

W.E. Johnson
Confederate States Army

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Wm's Island Sept 18th 1864

My dear Wife

I have written you several times since I have been here but have received no answer yet, but hope to do so soon I have not heard from home but over in nearly four months & you can imagine my anxiety to get a letter more than I am to see you. I do not know how long we are to be kept here, but hope not long, we hear daily rumours that we are to be exchanged soon, but there is generally no foundation for them. & I have not much hope of being exchanged until a general exchange of prisoners takes place. I am dreadfully tired of this imprisonment, but have known it ^{longer} far as well as any one I can conceive to do so, but it has been the most miserable time I ever passed. There has been but little firing from our batteries since I have been here but a few pieces of shell have struck in our camp, I do not think the danger is very great. Though it is very harassing to know that we may be spelled at any time. The rations we get here are very scanty & of very inferior quality so much so that we can not eat them sometimes. I hope you have sent me some provisions before this, we hear to day that we will not be allowed to receive food but you must send me at regular intervals such articles of food as will keep until you learn positively that I do not get them, also ask Gathen to take such measures to send me money that it will reach me promptly, if I could tell how great my need ^{is} for money & food you would not delay a moment. I would like much to write you longer letters & more particulars of myself but I think it best to only inform you that I am well & of my wants you must write often, you are differently situated from me, perhaps God in his goodness may allow us to meet soon, such is my prayer, may he bless you & my dear little boys. I will write again soon & send me newspapers I may receive them & you know my propensity for reading papers.

Your devoted Husband W.C. Johnson

M.W.C. Johnson

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