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Letter: W.E. Johnson to Anne Johnson, October 9, 1864.

W. E. Johnson
Confederate States Army

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Prisoners Camp Morris Island Sunday Oct 9th 1864

My dear Wife

Yours of the 11th Sept is the only letter I have received from you since I have been a Prisoner I have received two from Father & a short one from Brother Robert. I have written you many letters since I have been here but suppose you have not received them as the one I wrote the day after my arrival here was returned to me after an interval of twenty days because it was over one page in length although the Provost Marshall informed us we could write as long letters & as often as we pleased. I will not write hereafter but one page

I am as very well & getting along as well as I could expect. The citizens of Charleston sent us a large supply of bread meat & Groceries, which was greatly needed by us all. I also received a most welcome box of Provisions sent me by Uncle it would have done her good to see how much myself & others enjoyed the nice bread & fresh butter & the good Mince. Nothing was spoiled except the Biscuits you must send me boxes at regular intervals, of plain food that will keep, send some Potatoes & Apples in a separate bag or barrel, also send me three or four Bibles Flyers Hand Vic. Oil Wine. I amuse myself writing with these small tools, send some Mr suits of warm underwear. I can do well enough with the outside suit I have & do not wish you to send me any unless it is a round Jacket & Pants of plain material. I think you had best not send me the fine suit Father spoke of, send me an overcoat & two Blankets, send me some pieces of old fine Silver & Gold such as a worn out spoon & if not a piece of gold try & send me a gold dollar or two

From all the information I can get I think my chances for exchange are very bad, but from opportunities of knowing what the chances are better, & you must be governed by the probabilities in sending me things, do not send any Tobacco

The weather is quite ^{cold} the day but bright & breezy which makes me desire very much to be delivered from this imprisonment & take my part in the action soon early men going on around us, but I must bide my time with as much patience as I can, there has been some shelling from our batteries since my last, but "nobody hurt yet" on our "Pen" & I hope such will continue to be the case

Write me often & on one page May God bless you & my dear children

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