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Letter: W.E. Johnson to W.E. Johnson, Sr., November 23, 1864

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Fort Polaski Ga Nov 23rd 1864

My dear Father

Your most welcome letters of Oct 23rd Nov 2nd + 11th were received on the 21st, & most of the 23rd Oct about a week since, I received the box sent by Mother & one from Ann & fifty dollars in U S currency sent by Corner & Co. I wrote C & Co about one month ago acknowledging the receipt of the fifty & asking them to send fifty or one hundred more, which letter I presume they never received as I had no reply. I suppose from your & Ann's letters that there is fifty dollars here for me now but I have not had any notice of it. The authorities at Ft. D. write me no box ever reached there bearing my address I wrote J L & Co about it. I received a letter from Col Emory P Bluff Lk stating that Bidwell was in Mineral Point Co Texas with most of the hardest teams doing ^{well} ~~write~~ him by Capt Hale. I am quite well & am more comfortably situated & like Mrs Garrison much better than any I have had the misfortune to be at. The weather for the last 36 hours has been intensely cold, ice one inch thick this morning. There was much suffering last night for the want of blankets. I was comfortable thanks to Ann's fine box of warm clothing. I have good reason to hope I will be soon exchanged & believe I will, but may be disappointed, if so, I have to ^{live} draw largely again upon my stock of patience, but if I am exchanged it seems to me it will be the happiest day of my life, God grant it may soon come. I have been much surprised that I should be kept in the humiliating position of a prisoner while such stirring scenes are being enacted around me. I am truly sorry to hear of the illness of Willie & trust that your next letter will inform me that he has recovered. My love to Mother, Mother Deannie & Children

Yours affectionately Son
W E Johnson Jr St 7th St CC