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

W. E. Johnson
Confederate States Army

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Fort Pickens Dec 18th 1864

My dear Wife

I have not received a letter from in a very long time. They are not allowed to reach me for some reason & I think it must be that the sheets of paper upon which you write are too large. This is the right size if this is the reason I suppose I will not get another from you until this reaches you & your reply, which will be a long time. Letters of the 17th & 30th of Nov were received on the 11th inst. his seem to come regularly, the power of Attorney did not come. I tried to have one prepared here but was advised that it would not answer the purpose & would not be allowed to go through the lines. I have been hoping I would get home in time to attend to such matters, but quite some now unless something has been done to obtain a special exchange for me that I will remain in this miserable condition for an indefinite period. All the sick & wounded here of this family of my comrades have been exchanged, together with about a dozen ^{or more} officers who were so fortunate as to have friends within our lines, who obtained special exchanges for them, among them ^{was my} friend Capt Penney, who promised me he would write you immediately upon his arrival in Charleston & I hope has done so, can nothing be done for me, the probability of my having to lie in prison for another six or twelve ^{months} adds much to my miserable condition. Think of the prospect ahead of me & try to induce some one to make an effort to have me released. I received a letter from Capt Hall in which he informed that he had called to see you on the 16th Nov but that you were at Camden I was very sorry as I knew he could give you all the information you want in regard to me & of any efforts to be made to obtain an ~~exchange~~ exchange for me let us be done promptly as I think it quite probable we will be sent north unless exchanged.

Your devoted husband
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