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Head Quarters 3rd Brig 2nd Div 2A.C.
November 2nd 1864

Dear Farley¹

For a few days back, I have been indefatigable in letter writing and you must therefore excuse me if I confine the few words with which I intend to favor you entirely to business. My valise has come to hand, but with my accustomed carelessness I managed to lose the key and was obliged to resort to a cold chisel. Please get me a duplicate key and send by mail. We now seem in a fair way to have a few days rest and if you will send me by mail a couple of baseballs I will be obliged to you, and try to keep my hand in so as to help you boys beat the Atlantics² once more. The piece of carpet sent me from home is spread on our floor and makes a tolerable appearance although if I remember it is not entirely new.

Affectionately your Bro
Sam Porter
Capt A.A.D.C.

Endnotes

¹ Farley was Porter's younger brother.

²The Atlantic Club of Brooklyn, American National Champions during the State Fair in Rochester in Sept. 1864, defeated the Canadian National Champions, The Young Canadian Club of Woodstock at Jones Square 75-11.