

Head Quarters Dept. Va & N.C.
Army of The James
In the Field Oct: 1864

Sir

In reply to your communication of the 15th Inst, The Commanding General directs me to inform you that every thing is being done to procure the exchange of our unfortunate prisoners in the hands of the enemy.

He sympathizes deeply in their Sufferings and the sorrow of their friends, and hopes before long your noble Son may be released

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt. &c
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