

David's Island  
Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 1862  
Dear Father,

I send today by Addams Express a box directed to Elisha Whipple De Kalb St Law. Co. NY. You will be required to pay the charges. The box contains all the likenesses and with them is my old watch & chain also 1 pr black pants, 1 Lo shirt, 1-pr drawers, 1 black over coat, and a few other unimportant things. Also a bible & a few soldiers book sent for curiosity's sake.

The brass thing you will find in the box, I got out of a Secesh house in Virginia and we used it for a candlestick in camp. I have more clothes than I can carry conveniently now but as I shall not get to my Regt. for some time yet I think of keeping them awhile.

I shall leave the island today or tomorrow and probably stop at Fort Hamilton about a week. I will write as soon as I get there.

I will again mention that I expressed my money by Addams Express to Gouverneur to your address \$60.

As this is a business letter none of you need expect any compliments.

Yours  
John