

you a gain. at least it will
seem to me like a great
while. But then I will not
be impatient. I will ~~wait~~
constantly think of you. Dear
and wait patiently until I
am free from Uncle Sam

I would like to take a stroll
into Sunhallow this evening
just to see how the folks
all do & what they are all
thinking about I suppose

Mason-Henry continues
his hatred (as love rather)
towards me as usual
how is it does little sheep
go up the lane as often as
he did before I came home

Great has got back again he
is as hateful as he can be
to letters any one writes they
are writing want he?

Oh Darling I must close now
for the mail goes at three
o'clock & I shall have to
hurry

Don't be so often back &
reminds me in your
& I shall also remember you
from your love & coming
and has in fact my love
passed for you of your love
Don't look back

David's Island

Jan 18th 1863

My Darling Lady

I wrote you a letter
of a little Sunday but it was
written in such a hurry that
I don't believe you can read
half of it. So I thought I
would try and write another
to day and see if I could do
any better this time. We got
here all safe and I guess we
are enjoying our self & as
well as the times & place we
admit Henry is seated at the
same table with me writing

When you have finished the one with

to some am. he says he is
writing to that Fey maybe
he is. & Great has just
lit his Pipe & gone out to
smoke. for they want allow
smoking in the Woods so
the Pass Key is oblig'd to
go out doors & stand in
the cold wind & take his
comfort all a lone to himself
Great will leave us in a day
or two & go to his Regt
the Packet reported him for
duty yesterday. I dont know
when he will think I am
fit for duty. Perhaps before
many days I hope so any way
for I do not want to stay
here a great while. it is
so awful lamsome here &
had as leave be in Stone
town I think so here

Great just came in & has
been gathering Frank & me
so that we could not write
I just gave him a penny and
told him to go down to the
Butcher & buy him a stick of
Candy he took it & has gone
& I hope he want come for
a gain until we are done
writing. I dont believe I can
think of any thing to write
that will be interesting to you
But I am so anxious to get
a letter from you that I can
hardly write I am in hope
of getting one this week. do you
think I will get one Darling?
Dear Lady I think of you more
than 10000 times a day I wish
I could see you this after noon
But I am afraid it will be
a great while before I can see