

David's Island Nov. 30th 1863

Dear sister Mat

I received your letter this morning though short as it was. I was very glad to get it. And I will try and answer it this aft. noon. I was expecting to go a party this morning. I have been expected for duty. But for some unknown reason I have not gone. as I expected to day I may go in a day or two & may not go in a week you can direct your letters here as you have done before. Only dont put on the Ms. please dont any more I dont like to be called that name

I am glad if you have had the
luck to get rid of that. Sheppard
for I do hate any thing that has
any thing to do with a Army or
any of the tribe. Give them
no reason to talk a haunt
you and let them a lone is the
best way to get a long with
them. I dont think Frank says
any thing about any of them
But he is so easily flattered
any one can do with him as
they please. But he is a pretty
good sort of a Boy I like
him a great deal better than I
used to

I wish Mantrass would
write. But then I dont know
when I shall be in 3 days from
now. So if he should write
it would be hard telling
whether I would ever get his
letter or not I shall learn here

in a few days I think for
they are a going to ~~clear~~
Clear off the Island as fast
as they can. I understand
they was a going to have a
lot of Relis here again in
a short time if they do not
shall go to some other place
soon. We cant get to the
Front soon untill after the
Army stops marching
and that want be untill
Amead has taken Richmond
The Army of the Potomac
will winter if they winter at
all, on the Parincila

Hell I cant write any
more this time. Write soon
and tell me all the news

A. A.