

On Board, Steamer *Geo. Leary*

Off Hilton Head, Dec 14th 1864

My Dear Father & Sisters

I wrote you a few days since
 there then seemed to be no prospect of exchanging
 soon, but this morning unexpectedly to all we were or-
 -dered to get ready in a few moments to start to *Yef*
Pulaski for exchange - we were off soon in *triggle*
 and soon got off, and have reached this place I suppose
 we shall soon start again and will probably reach *H*
Pulaski tonight, and if it is the Lord's will I trust that
 tomorrow night may find us in Dixie

My health thank the Lord is improving some
 I have had much to be sure but God has sustained me
 Your own trials have perhaps been greater than my own
 - in regard to my coming home if exchanged. You know
 how it is without my telling you. You I will come if
 there is any possible chance to come - this is enough

If something occurs that we are not exchanged
 I shall write you immediately -

Your Son & Brother most affectionately

M. S. Bradburn

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