James Island, S.C., June 25, 1862

Dear Wife,

I received your letter of the 15th instant, and was happy to hear that you and all well. I am sure you have not got a letter from me in some weeks. I am surprised at that. I have not wrote you since I left Beaufort, but I hope you have received them by this time. We got paid the other day and will send my money to you the first opportunity. I know you must be in want of money at this present juncture, it would not be a bad thing for you to make a little. In a few days, there will be other two months' pay due, but we won't get it, I wish this war was over. For James is off to the south, here is getting pretty warm but we are all very healthy, so far, our wounded has been all sent to Hilton Head, and from there they will be sent home as soon as possible. It was an unfortunate affair, and I believe General Benham is under arrest for it. I hope he will be sent home. General Steeves, the night after the battle came like a child, about the loss of so many brave men.

Jane, you will be surprised to hear about me getting a letter from Brother James. He came by a flag of truce, there has been a flag of truce sent for one about our wounded and get there names and it took them three days before they could get all our men's names and James had to write about the sick from our men.
That was taken prisoners and he wrote me a letter. I will send you a copy of it and you will see better what he says. I can't send him one for there won't be any more flags of truce going over at present. It's rather to bad to think that we should be fighting him on the one side and me on the other. for he says he was in the fort during the whole engagement. I hope to god that he and I will get safe through it all and he will have his story to tell about his side and I will have my story to tell about my side.

Dear Jane, I have not got much news this time only that James & Matt are well and Jane is very cold. Left myself sleeping & will find you all the same. Little Tommy is growing. I hope we soon have there happy home to take them out with mamma to walk. There's something strikes me that this war will be over pretty soon and I am please it soon be to soon for me. There's a report that our regiment is going away from here coming farther north but there's so many. I'll go all the time one can't believe anything. I will come to a close this time hoping to hear from you soon. Good day.

And I am gone over
Affectionate Husband
Alexander Campbell.