

Thomas Sparrow

Dear Sir

I learn you are  
prisoner at Governors Island I have been trying  
to get a permit to visit you, but find I cannot  
succeed, we can have no communication with  
any of the prisoners except by letter I congratulate  
you that you are in so safe a place you are  
now free from all danger if it were possible  
I would write to your wife assuring her of your  
safe return to her, as far as the danger of the war is  
concerned, how are you of do you want any help if  
you do to a very moderate amount these hard  
times I will assist you, write to me I have  
just sent some things to J R Potts & some to  
the son of Mr G Williams which they have written  
for & which are charge to them I & thes, my wife  
& Daughters all send their best respects to you  
my wife says she would like to see you, to hear  
from you & know how much fun you think  
there is in war, I am pleased to think you are so  
well of & so very safe your friend &c

Wm Blackwell

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I answered this letter as I  
thought it deserved, & asked for  
none of his assistance.

J. L.