

New York October 18th 1861

Capt. Tho Sparrow
N.C. "Washington Greys"

Dear Captain:—

Although I have not a personal acquaintance with you, I have made bold to send you a little box which I have made up containing some articles that I supposed might be serviceable. — I should be very much in doubt as to the propriety of doing so under the circumstances, if it were not that, though unacquainted, a mutual friend, Mr Demill, encourages me to hope that you will accept what I send and thus afford me one of the most heartfelt pleasures of my life. ~~It~~ Will you please deliver to Private S. Schenk what I have marked for him and the letter which I enclose herewith. — Such of the other articles as you do not care to retain for your own or your officers' use please distribute among the ~~the~~ men of your command in your best discretion and oblige

Respectfully and Sincerely Yours
A Friend. —

P.S. I am sorry to learn through your letters to Mr D. that several of the North Carolina soldiers (twelve?) have died. I wish it were in my power to do much more than my very limited means allow for the survivors of them. —

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and of the accompanying articles (of which a list is hereto subjoined) in some of your letters to Mr Demill who is a particular friend of the writer and will forward me

your letter. —

The Madeira wine and the currant jelly please distribute or cause to be distributed among your sick. I trust that Col. Loomis will not object to your receiving them when he knows they are for sick men who (as I suppose,) are in actual urgent need of such articles. The jelly is home-made and I think I may venture to recommend it as being good. I believe it is often prepared for the use of the sick by dissolving in a tumbler of water and thus making a drink of it.

List of articles in the Box sent with this letter. —

- 12 pair white canton flannel drawers
 - 6 red flannel shirts
 - 1 coat
 - 5 vests
 - 1 pair of pants
 - 1 overcoat
 - 1 pair grey woolen knitted socks
 - 36 packs playing cards (for whist &c)
 - 1 piece old castile soap (for the teeth)
 - 24 pieces soap (for washing purposes)
 - 6 bottles Madeira wine
 - 1 stone pot currant jelly
- } For the sick. —
- 2 doz combs
 - 1 doz hair brushes
 - 1 colored cotton shirt
 - 3 " " collars

1 doz tooth brushes

2 pair of boots

Some tobacco (chewing & smoking - 8 or 10 lbs I believe in all)

2 pair of men's shoes (fin Mr Semill)

Books and Pamphlets (22 in number)

Lectures on Dramatic Art and Literature (bound)

The } The Youth of Shakspeare {
Shakspeare } Shakspeare & his friends { unbound
Novels } The Secret Passion {

Dickens' Christmas stories (unbound)

Sharp's letters and essays (bound)

Renwick's Chemistry (bound)

Russel's Ancient and Modern Egypt (bound)

1 Bible (bound)

1 Book of Common Prayer (bound)

The Second Adam and the New Birth (unbound)

Tract on the Sacraments (unbound)

The Christian week (unbound)

Letters to a man bewildered among many counsellors (unbound)

Why I am a Churchman (unbound)

Day's Algebra (bound)

Aberry's book of puzzles (unbound)

Greenleaf's Arithmetic (bound)

First lessons in perspective (bound)

Philip & Augustus } Novels

Dombey & Daughter } (unbound)

Sketches by "Boz" - (unbound)

A. Friend

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