July the 30 1864

Wilmington N C Camp Jackson

Dear Wife I take the presen
opertunity of droping you
a few lines to let you
hear from me, I this health
I do good by the blessing of god
I am still at the
the health of this place is good
I received your letters dated the 25
and 27 the one that came by
charleston come in 3 days it
came as soon as the 25 one
this is the hottest day I have
felt of for long this is a hot
country down here I expect
we will stay here a while
the prices is as follows Watermel
is ten and twelve dollars a chicken
is ten dolars a head butter ten dol
per pound apples 4 dollars a dozen
peaches 4 dolars a dozen cantaloupes
2 dolars a dozen tomatoes one dol
a dozen hogs from one dollar

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So you see how we git things
I got me a quart of molasses
I pade ten dolars for a grist
I broke the mare Spring I
my Waeth I tride to get it fixe
the Smith sed he must have 20 Dol
for mending it I think I will
Send it home to get it mended
the first chance I get I don't
feel like paying so much
I expect to send this letter by hand
by Starens he starts in the morning
I dont got no more time
intrest crops looks very well
here we had a fine rain yesterday
this makes 3 letters I have rec'd
Wrote M. J. D since I came
Back from Charlestown
Nothing more at present
Write soon and often
K. C. D. M. J. C. January
the 29th 1864

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