

Miss Susie Sands
Annapolis Maryland

Johnson's Island
Near Sandusky Ohio
October 19th 1864

Dear Cousin

Your very kind letter was received this morning. And be assured I was very glad to hear from you. But must acknowledge I was somewhat surprised at the letter, and am glad to find that I have one friend and two or three others, that I found out since my postcard was inserted in the Daily News, and will have say to you that I have written for the clothing that will make me comfortable this Winter. But if you think proper you can send me some money. The amount you can best exercise your own judgement. I can buy Stamps Paper Envelopes Soap. Handkerchiefs & with money at this place. I don't have to get any order from the Commander for that. I have seen Capt. Plunkett he says he has received the Box from Annapolis, all right. Hoping to have you as a correspondance while I am a Prisoner. I will have to close.

It is great comfort to me to get letters from friends while a Prisoner. I was captured at Gettysburg 3rd July 1863.

Your Friend and Cousin
Thomas H. B. Purphy
Prisoner of War Block 5
Mess 2 Johnsons Island
Sandusky Ohio

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