Camp 26th Va. Regt. Opposite Charleston, S. C. On Ashley River

November 16th, 1863

My dear Pat:

I received your last letter but was sorry to hear that neither you nor Willie had recovered your health, but pleased to hear, however, that the rest of the family was well, especially over the little girls. I am constantly in hopes that the cold weather will drive quickly your chills and put you in health again. Was sorry to hear that your potatoe crop turned out so badly, and that the turnip crop is a failure. I can't learn about the corn, whether or not we shall make a tolerable crop, nor did you say anything about the cotton.

I have been sick again since I wrote you last - had another attack of chills and fever - was very sick for several days but am now a great deal better. I am fearful that I shall continue to have these attacks all through the fall and winter. Should they continue I shall petition for a furlough to Va. to lessen it. I think it probable I might get one, if the ague and fever should continue to hold me. We are in the same place we were when I wrote to you last, but expect to be carried over James Island the latter part of the week to start pickets. We shall be absent a week during which time I shall not be able to write to you. The yankees have made no disposition as yet to attack James Island. They are constantly thundering at Fort Sumter. Why they should bombard that Fort so much, with so little

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unsigned- Jos. L. Pollard

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