Dear Mother,

The last mail brought me a letter from home and that box containing the watches and the articles. I was very glad to get them.

The cheapest one I got as soon as I got it, for $2.00. For one and sixty before the thing went for him, he reached here. Can you write that father thought I had better send him home. I know nothing to do with sending soldiers home. If he had been able to take the trip it would be very difficult for him to take a public discharge. We would have to get a certificate from the Surgeon of the Army of Artillery, signed by the Brigade Surgeon and the Medical Director of the Division.
Those apples were all rotten except one. I have as many apples as I want to eat. They are not as high as they were. The remainder of the article arrived in good condition only the candy had melted somewhat. They flopped and no account to me—too thick and clumsy. If you send me anything again put in a dozen or two white cotton gloves. I should want pretty good ones such as would not tear in pulling them on. Some white cotton stockings would not be too bad to have here when it comes warm weather. And some pocket handkerchiefs would prove very useful. Envelopes are scarce. A good pocket knife would be a valuable article. Such articles, I could sell for about double their cost at home if I did not want to use them myself. A good reason would be if much...
I am very glad you sent these Ambrosiae. They are very good. Fine companies of these Negroes still remain at Hilton Head, while the remaining five are at work erecting batteries on some small islands near Savannah between Fort Pulaski and Jackson. They have already cut off all communication between Fort Pulaski and the Rebels outside of it.

Gen. Wright's Brigade with one or two other Regts. and as accompanied by Gen. Sherman have just returned from an expedition the destination of which is supposed to be Fernandina, Florida.

Enclose two Ten Dollar Treasury Notes—one of which you may keep for yourself, and the other you may give to Father.

My love to all.
and write soon to you.

Aff'tw S'tone

P.S. I am told that John Holton
has paid me the remainder of
his debt of $13.00 and the balance of
the $20.00 paid in $1.00. But whether
Bills ever paid me $11.00 or not
I am unable to say. I never paid
anything to Ben Wood. I don't
know what he was owing but he told
me that he owed the farmer a little more
and should pay him when he got home.
I do not think I will say anything
about it.