December 23, 1862

St. Helena Island

I take this opportunity to let you no that i and Enos is both well and hope these few lines will find you the same i received both of your letters stating that you had got the check we are still here on St. Helena Island we are going to have a big time here on Christmas Day such as target shooting foot rason and also a lot of other articles to Regent to mention the yards comes off at son rise on that day and don't go on till some set so that we can have the day to our selves i think that i will spend my Christmas guning after Squirrels if it is a good day and that i hope it may be
How are you making out with the colt had it quit pulling at the halter yet i am riding by the light of uncle Sam's candle and it gives a pleg of a poor light so I shant bite enny more now

G H Pierce

Write soon and be by and tell you about our great Christmas