

December 23rd 1862

St Helena island

I take this opportunity to
let you know 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 race and also a lot of
other articles to tegous to
mention the guards comes off
at sun rise on that day and
don't go on till sun set so
that we can have the day to
our selves I think that I will
spend my Christmas gunning
after squirrels if it is a good
day and that I hope it may
be

How are you makes
out with the colt has it
quit puling at the halter
yet i am riting by the
light of uncle sams candle
and it gives a pleg of a
poore light so i shant
rite enny more now

G L Pierce

Write soon and ilk try
and tell you about
our great christmas