

Transcript of Letter from Frank L. Lemont to J.S. Lemont, July 29, 1862

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St. Lukes, Hos . N.Y. July 29th, 1862

My Dear Mother

I received your letter so anxiously looked for this evening. I was indeed glad to hear from you again. and I am glad that communication is again open. But the illness of father has filled me with sorrow and misgivings. I am here completely tied as it were and it seems as if I should fly. I have improved very fast since I came here both in health and strength and am well able to come home. But I am unable to make the necessary arrangements for passes &c. But if no one comes to my aid I shall make all the effort in my (power to) come. The authorities may not grant me permission to visit you at al. But if they do not. I shall tender my resignation. But that they may not accept.

I shall leave no means untried to get home and I think I shall be successful. I(f) Uncle Daniel should come, he could aid me much in getting away.

I feel as though I could not wait till morning before I commence my efforts.

I hope Fathers illness will not result fatally. Take good care of him as doubtless you do.

I wish I knew how you were getting along. How your health was. Your spirits, &c. Can I not hear from you every day? A few lines will inform me how you all are every day.

I am filled with conflicting emotions. I dont know which way to look nor what to do. and it all arises from this. that here they will let me do nothing because they think I am sick. Oh! that I could be out and a free man. It seems that I would know what to do. But I will not trouble you dear Mother with my troubles, for you have enough. God grant that yours may soon cease. Up to this time my courage has never faltered nor failed me and I will not let it desert me in this trying hour. Tell Father I feel for him as only a son can feel. He is as dear to me as my life. But I will hope for the best. I hope he will get well. My thoughts will be constantly upon him untill I see him which I hope will be very soon.

From your son,

Frank