

Copy of Letter to
Henry Antetua
Dec 1st 1861
In Richmond Va.
A Prisoner of War

Detroit Dec 1st 1861

My dear Brother

Yours of November 13th was
Duly received. And warmly welcomed.
We are very greatly relieved to find your
spirits so good. And must acknowledge you
keep well. And that your situation will
be apt to clothe Liberty with a very pleasing
form. But all enjoyments are increased
by contrast. Let us hope that ~~your~~ ^{be enlarged by the}
yours (somewhat slow at present) will ~~partake~~ ^{partake} of
the preparation. Above all things endeavor
to avoid despondency. It always astonishes me
observing to notice the different effects of Mis-
fortune on different persons. Some with a resolute
will. And an apparent determination to rise
above ^{surrounding} circumstances, ~~and~~ and to make the best
of their Misfortunes. Are always in good spirits
and shed a warm healthfull influence on
all around them. Others nearly always despondent
and always without meruliness. But I will not
paint this picture. I am well aware that you