

Direct as you did before

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in care of

Capt. D. M. Clinton

Sciper we call him
when he is some place
where he can hear us
or old strait fingers

Don't forget to write
soon

Jan 30th 1864

Hernandina, Florida

Dear Brother I take this
opportunity to write you a
few lines to inform you
that I am well at
present and hope those
few lines will find
you at the same

I received your letter
a few days ago and
was very glad to hear
from you I received
one from Mary Jane
the same day when we
have very nice weather
here now and first
rate times but not
much news at present
George thinks very queer
that you and Mary Jane
and the rest don't write
him

I received a letter from
Thomas Richards to day
and one from Mary L. Mousley
about a week or so ago
and she asked me to send
my likeness I had sent it
before that but I guess
she had not got it when
she wrote but I send by your
letter that she has got it
well I don't know what to
write only I know that I
weigh one hundred and forty
two pounds and I am about
out of ink tell Mary Jane
that I will answer her
letter in a few days when
I get a new bottle of ink
when you write again put your
letter specks on so that you
won't commence on the wrong
side of the paper and up
side down get and wrong side out

I didn't mean to make fun
of your letter by saying what
I did but I just thought
it looked a little odd perhaps
you have joined the odd fellows
Mary Jane said in her letter
that Mary L. Mousley and
Anna Mary Mousley had
got religion at Abene or
Bethel I have forgotten how
this Anna Mary Mousley
is I don't know whether I
ever did or not if I ever
did no her I have forgot her
all together when you
write let me know how
she is well I must now
close yours & so forth I
still remain your brother

Erasmus W. Pierce
Yours &c
E. W. Pierce
Please write soon