January 11th, 1863

Mrs. Potter,

you will see by the date of this letter that I have been some time in finishing this letter, but I am sorry to inform you that your husband, Mr. Dad, he was taken out from the Prison and sent to the Hospital, 2 Days before he died. I did not have the chance of seeing him after he went from the Prison but he gave me some of the things he had to send to you. Which I will send by express. Mr. Potter died on the 9th of January, the morning that we left Richmond. We done all we could for him but I am a most sick myself or I would try and tell more of the particulars if I knew more from him. I will let you know if we may come home if we do I will come and see you and tell you all. Respectfully, E. W. Root.