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C. S. Military Prison
Charleston S.C.
June 25th. 1864

J. M. Taylor Esq
Mayor &c.

Grand du Lac, Wis.

Dear Sir

At the request of your son Lt. Henry C. I have the honor to address a line which under the circumstances, I trust will be welcome - On the 10th inst. in company with 30 other Union Officers I left the prison at Macon Ga. where your son was confined - He was in good health and spirits and looking forward anxiously, like the rest of us with the hope of an early exchange - Whether we are disappointed or not remains to be seen, - I believe your son is as disposed as any of us to be philosophical, and bear up under the misfortunes which the chances of war have made us victims of - Hoping Sir, ^{that} a kind Providence will soon reunite the families so long separated by the cruel hand of war, I am with great respect

Your obt. Servt.

Thy Anuly Shales B. S. U. S. A.
Prisoner of War

Fond du Lac Wis. July 19th 1864

Brig. Gen. Alexander Shaler

Dear Sir

Your kind note of the 25th of June giving me information in regard to my son, was rec^d. three days ago, and I improve the earliest opportunity to return to you my sincere thanks for the favor - It was very welcome I assure you sir. I had supposed my son was in Macon, but did not know, until I rec^d your letter. I am happy to hear he was well, and that he bears up manfully under "the misfortunes which the chances of war" have bro't upon him. I shall ever feel grateful to you sir, for the trouble you have taken to give the information we have been so anxious to receive. God Grant you may soon be relieved from your unpleasant situation, and that a general Exchange of Prisoners will soon take place

I am most truly yours &c

Jm Taylor

P.S I enclose a few lines to my son hoping you may be permitted to forward it to him - J