

**Francis H. Fletcher to Jacob C. Safford**  
Morris Island, South Carolina, May 28, 1864.  
Autograph Letter Signed, 3 pages.

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Hd Qrs Post of Morris Island S.C.  
May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1864

Mr. Jacob C. Safford

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter bearing date May 8<sup>th</sup>.

I hope this may find you sister and the rest of your family in good health as it leaves me.

There is no local news of any importance about here. There were some operations on James Island but amounted to only a raid as far as I have been able to learn. At the front everything is quiet.

I have forgotten of what you refer to speaking of some message I sent you by Mrs. Lewis.

You take a far more liberal view [2] of things than you could in my situation. Just one year ago to day our regt was received in Boston with almost an ovation, and at 5 P. M. it will be one year since we were safely on board transport clear of Battery Wharf and bound to this Department: in that one year no man of our regiment has received a cent of monthly pay all through the glaring perfidy of the U.S. Gov't.

I cannot any more condemn nor recite our wrongs, but console myself that One who is able has said vengeance is mine and I will repay.

All the misery and degradation suffered in our regiment by its members' families is not atoned for by the passage of the bill for equal pay.

Remember me to your sister and [3] and family and believe me

Yours truly

Francis H. Fletcher.

[*Envelope*]

Mr. Jacob C. Safford

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[*Postmarked Port Royal, 29 May 1864*]