

reply/Prisoners letter/Exm'd." In addition to the letters from Camp Morton, there is one written from Camp Chase, in Columbus, OH, by Private J. S. Harris of Arkansas in February 1862.

The third folder has a single six-page prisoner-of-war letter written by Charles J. Faulkner on November 18, 1861. Faulkner served as a senator from Virginia from 1851 until 1859 when James Buchanan appointed him United States minister to France. Upon his return to the United States in 1861, Faulkner was arrested and held on charges of negotiating arms sales for the Confederate States of America while in Paris. Faulkner was incarcerated at Fort Warren, on Georges Island in Boston Harbor, between August and December 1861. The prison was notable for housing both military and civilian Confederates captured by the Union, including their vice-president Alexander Stephens and foreign ministers John Slidell and James M. Mason. Faulkner's letter was written just days before Slidell and Mason were returned to Boston after being intercepted while on their way to Britain. In it, he supposed that the two diplomats "will shortly form a part of our Society here."