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Dear Mr. Henry

I received your letter just before sailing from Fort Monroe and did not have time to answer it before departure. We arrived here two days ago and have commenced our winter work. It is very hot, just like midsummer or worse and it is hard to realize that you are perhaps suffering from the cold. I wish we could have a little of it. I saw Rob a day or two before leaving New York. He seems prosperous. I trust the great slump in Wall Street will not affect him. I inquired about Mr. Greenfield when in N. Y. and was told that he was in Europe with his son. Possibly he may have returned before I left, but I was [?] busy the last few weeks with that I did not again try to look him up. I trust what he says about that suit may turn out as he expects. It will be a relief when that bothersome business is all settled. I am sorry to hear that Joe is out of a job. But it had to come sometime so I suppose the sooner he gets to work looking for something more permanent the better it will be. Probably there will be more legislation this winter but I have no idea what form it will take. I have not heard from Miss Irving or Frank since we commenced this term. I suppose it is too soon to tell how he is getting on as only the examinations will show. I send this to you in Annapolis. Let me know again what Mr. Foremans [sic] address is as I am not sure I made it out correctly in your letter. I trust you will have a pleasant winter in Florida. I wish I could be with you. It is a pleasant mean business in north and what we have to endure here-

Very sincerely

F. Anderson

