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Hilliard Head
D. C.
Dec 11th / 63

My Dear friend Mrs Harris

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get my share enlarged & shall try and
get him a ticket toward home with
me & can't enjoy my self first
rate if he was only here with me
I felt very bad to think he should be oblig'd
to go back to his company he shall not
stay there long if I can save my way
they as well as being but little in this
Dept in the line of fighting ^{and} probably
will not do much at present
one of our monitors went down a few
days ago of Charleston harbor with 28
men which were all lost we have had
a very heavy wind for the last few
days and it has raised the tide to
rise 6 feet higher than usual and
the anchor chain being to short it
will prevent her to go down there
is only 10 feet of water so it is
not probable that they will raise
her again I feel very glad & wish
no more news concerning her

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time you write to him. that I would
like to have him, remembers me with
a letter if it was not more than 6
lines

now I will not be very
patient with a larger letter
this time I shall be very happy to
receive a letter from you as soon
as you receive this please to expect
this with my best regards
from your friend

J. E. Hayes
Ordnance Department
Hilton Head
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not on maris Island through this
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tell Leander next
time you write to him that I would
like to have him remember me with
a letter if it was not more then 6
lines

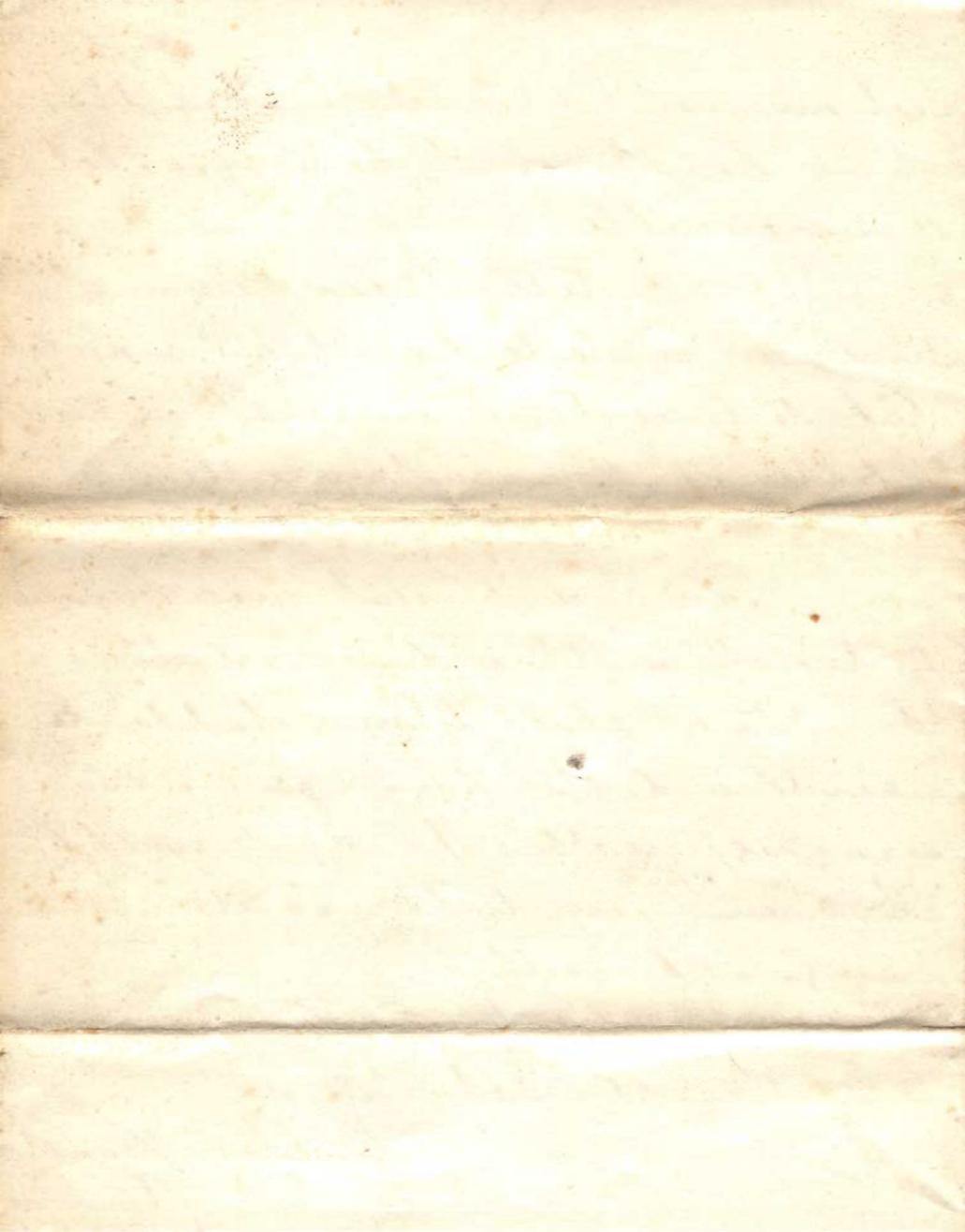
now I will not weary your
patients with a longer litter
this time & shall be very happy to
receive a letter from you as [soon*]
as you receive this pleas to except
this with my best regards
from your friend

J.E. Haynes

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Hilton Head

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