

Governors Island, N. Y.
October 21, 1904

Mr. Francis J. Shields

Dear Sir:

Your son Joseph E. Shields
who is a member of my company
and who has been ill for the
last week has been suddenly taken
with a turn for the worse. He
may not live until morning.

You can come over to the Island
tonight or tomorrow with any
member of your family. The
last boat tonight leaves the
dock next to the ~~Island~~ South
Ferry at 12.30 tonight, after that
you cannot get a boat until
morning. This letter will be
authority for you or your family to go
on boat.

Yours very truly,
Edwin M. Johnson
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