



Northtown Va  
July 14<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Maria

Five days  
have passed since I last  
wrote you and since that  
time I have rec<sup>d</sup> two from  
you but the last was written  
just the first being but two  
days on the road. When I  
last wrote we were in quite  
a mess here but our Genl  
it appears knew what he was  
about and is now in command  
of this post and his Brigade  
are to do garrison duty here  
so we no doubt will remain  
here for a while. As I am  
situated now my duties are  
light and my quarters