

51 Yorktown Rd  
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Dear Maria

My hurry is not over  
yet but I must find time to  
write you a few lines. I am well  
and at present don't get much time  
to think of any thing aside from my  
duties. I examine an officer each day  
and some are getting frightened and too  
have tendered their resignations which  
I most heartily approved of —  
I send you a picture of my Gos,  
which was sketched by a boy in Co  
Ch who is but 16 years old and lately from  
France. As you can see how it looks  
here when I now see the picture is very  
accurate. The boy ~~is~~ under the shade  
is my negro boy who ~~totally~~ <sup>totally</sup> ~~can~~ <sup>can</sup> of my  
home. he is a fine fellow and says  
he will go home with me when  
I go. I pay him \$10 per month. I  
want you to preserve it as I shall  
take pleasure in looking at it  
when I get home. I also send  
you a phot<sup>o</sup> of Dr Carpenter our  
H<sup>o</sup> Surgeon and one of the finest

Think this photo. a beauty. her is single too.