



Newport R.I. N.H.
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Dear Maria

This day is Sunday and as I have about half an hour before my parade will write you a few lines - The attack that we expected for a week past has not yet come and I begin to fear they will not - we are pretty well prepared to give them a good welcome. We have got a breast work thrown up all around us and any amount of slashing down to prevent an advance of Cavalry or Artillery upon us - and I begin to