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Head Quarters 8th Regt. Vt. Volz.
District of the Tèche

In the Field Nov. 23rd 1862

Dear Laura

I am still on the banks of the Bayou
Porcup, where I was, when I wrote you last. —
— it is $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3-o'clock in the morning - last night
was about the coldest night we have had - & I
have stood it - as long as I could - told the negroes
to make a fire - and I have seated myself to write
you a Letter. Since we came here the Regiment
has been pretty nearly idle - no Drills - no in-
-spection or any thing of that sort - nothing has
been kept up, except Guard-Mounting - and
dress - parade - the reason for this is because the
Officers are so busy with other matters. The govern-
-ment has taken possession of all the private property
in the district lying between where we now are, and
where we were, and nearly every officer who is
considered competent, is hard at work in trying
to get the sugar mills on the different plantations
at work - the cane, which, if it had been ground
earlier, would have made 3 whds. per acre
is now so injured by frost, that it will not
average more than one half that amount, still

Nov. 23. 1862. T. S. C. H.