

Newbern N C April 5th 1863

Wmly Genl

Dear brother I received your letter April 1 I was glad to hear that you were well I was surprised to hear that you was at Suffolk I suppose they expected a fight you said there was 3 inches of snow there it was a cold rain here but no snow If you go to Ohio I hope and think you will find a better and healthier country if you go I hope you will write as soon as you can make it convenient give as good a description of the place and the journey and the times as you can There has been considerable excitement here for a week and a plenty of stories about affairs at Little Washington there has a part of the force gone from here their and heavy guns have been heard for 3 or 4 days in that direction I dont think there has been any thing told that can be relied off on General Foster is there that is certain The reports have had him