



Maj. Gen. Burnside.

Head Quarters 8th
Regt Cal A

April 11th 1863

Dear Mother,

I take my pencil to write you one word before we start on our march. our regt came across Berwick bay ^{into} the lines of the rebs the morn of the 9th, our regt was the first to cross and they have been crossing as fast as 4 or 5 boats could bring ever since - and are not all over yet.

I expect we shall start today or tamarraw morning; how far beyond where we went the other time we shall go I dont know, but we have got a large force to go on the expedition.