

Newmarket April 20<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Mother Sisters and Brothers

I received two letters from you yesterday one dated March 30<sup>th</sup> the other

April 6<sup>th</sup> and was glad to hear from you We left Haverhill the next

day after I wrote to join General Banks Division the road was hard

all the way and we had a good march when we were going through

Charlestown a little Negro boy stepped out of a door and sang out

hurrah for Jeff We marched about three days and arrived at

Strasburgh and camped about 5 days then started for Woodstock

when we had got about 2 miles a Sergeant rode up to Major Colins

who was a few feet from me and said Major your Colonel is shot

the Major rode as fast as he could