

Sunday May 19th 1861

Dear Maria

It is now one week to morrow morn since we came to this fort, and a long week has it been. I wrote and sent you a lot of mixed stuff a few days since but have heard nothing from you yet. I rec^d a letter from Father yesterday which was dated the 10th and glad was I to hear from home. but this does not suffice. I am very anxious to hear from you and know about the children and your health. Day before yesterday we changed our quarters from the northern to the south western side of the fort. We are now in more comfortable quarters but how long we are to remain here is not certain. We (the Regiment) occupy a large Hotel situated just outside the fort. and on old point Comfort