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Dear Maria

I rec^d your letter last night - which was dated at Grandville and it seems you had not then rec^d my letter giving an account of the Battle at Big Bethel. I am in hopes you will not borrow any trouble on my account but look on the bright side of things and these things will probably turn out more in accordance with your mind -

When I last wrote you I had a little hopes of going home in two or three weeks but now the impression is we shall stay over time out which will not be very long - Nothing of interest has taken place since I last wrote you so as far as giving you any news is concerned it will be but little. Every thing about the Camp is quiet and but little apprehension of a fight is felt - for the present at any rate - for the last few days we have tended