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Dear Maria

It has been now
five days since I last wrote you
I would have written before but
I have had a great deal of writing
to do making out our muster roll
&c so I was pretty tired of it and
have not felt like writing before
My health is improving at present
and I begin to feel something
like myself again though the
loss of 30 lbs of flesh has weakened
me considerably and it will take
more than soldiers fare to bring me
back to my former condition but
I think after being in H a short
time I will be all right and that
we will all be there in a few days
is pretty certain We did not move
as we expected and will probably
remain here until the 2nd of Aug