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Head-Quarters, Provost Marshal's Office,

Camp near Winchester, Va., Aug 20, 1862.

Dear Maria

It is now
one o'clock at night and
here I am in the provost
marshalls office. The reason
of my being here is that I
am Officer of the guard and
I make it my head quarters
during the night it being
just near the guard tent
and comfortable than out doors,
I have one Lieut to assist
me and we have charge of
over 200, men who are stationed
around the encampment,
I have just had a Knap and
now the Lieut is a sleep and
so we shift during the night
which makes it quite easy for each