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Dear Maria

Although nothing has transpired of interest since I last wrote I must continue to let you hear from me although the news is very limited I am still attending to Court Marshall and I find it very tedious to sit and listen to witnesses all day and for a week upon a stretch. This afternoon it happened very luckily for us as there could be no witnesses produced. We are now trying a Captain of the 65 Ill for Cowardice and a number of other charges are preferred against him and his case has occupied four days already and it looks as if it would take four weeks to get through with it.

I presume you have heard all about the late heavy battles at Manassas and Dixburgh. It seems that Rosecrans is a splendid General by the way he handled his men. I wish such a victory could be won in Virginia. Then hope would begin to revive and things look a little brighter, but now I can see nothing that looks very encouraging or that looks like a cessation of hostilities. We are in hope to be exchanged the 10th of this month are looking forward with some anxiety to that time for we all have got sick of this kind of a life and in fact I have never liked it.