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My Dear Maria

Yesterday was Sunday but as I made Mrs Snow a visit I did not find time to write you but I will commence one early this morning so it may go out just as soon as though I wrote yesterday. Well Maria things look as though we had got to remain here for the remainder of this winter as the Prisoners taken at Arkansas Post are coming here and we expect 1000 of them this morning and the remainder in a day or two. Lieut Sherman is now up at these Quarters with 15 Men after guns for my Company and the 65th are posting a strong guard around the entire Encampment. We will have a plenty of work to do now as the men will be obliged to stand guard every other day and attend very strictly to their duty. I am very sorry that it has turned out just as it has for I would a thousand times rather be face to face with the enemy and where I could be of some service to my Country than away here in this