

On board Steamer  
"Long Island" Norfolk  
Va April 6<sup>th</sup> 1868

Dear Maria

You will be  
surprised to see my letter  
dated at this place but I  
will tell you had <sup>it</sup> come about  
we are still on the same boat  
we came down on and are  
waiting for the rest of our  
Reg. to come on and join  
us and I presume when they  
all get here we will return  
to Baltimore. Two Companies  
have already joined us and  
two more are now up the  
river and will be back  
tomorrow, while we are waiting  
the Capt of the boat wishing  
to repair up a little came  
down here and we will