

Camp Hamilton near  
Fortep Monroe April 12<sup>th</sup> 61

Dear Maria

To day is the sabbath but  
it does not seem much like a sabbath  
used to when I was at home and stayed  
with the children while you attended Church  
and when you come home and found things  
strewn around generally and thought I  
was a poor house keeper and felt inclined  
to scold a little at my indifference to it  
This does not seem like those old and  
pleasant times but I cant say that I  
am situated here very unpleasantly for  
considering that I am away from home  
and these I hold most dear I dont  
know as I could be more content or  
surrounded with more pleasant associations  
This is one of the pleasantest days I ever saw  
and the warm sun gives us all new vigor  
and life and it seems like a day in June  
used to in Vermont, I am "Officer of the  
day" to day for the whole Camp and have  
just got in from smelting my rounds  
and that was no small job as I have  
to travel about 7 miles in order to visit