



In Camp Near Suffolk Va
 April 17th 1863

Dear Maria

You will see by the date of my letter that we have changed position since I last wrote. We started from Camp Hamilton with but our hours notice night before last and was on the way here the greater part of the night and during a very severe rain storm, we arrived here yesterday at abt 10 oc Am, and have now got the little shelter tents. Commissaries offices are allowed one ea. I am now sitting in front of mine with my paper on my knee while I write. There are many troops here and they still continue to arrive. There has been signs of a fight here for some days past but I presume it is nothing but a feint. to keep the troops from joining Gen Foster at Groberson, N.C. We hear skirmishes all the while and some Regts I understand have had a little fighting to do out in front. The gun boats are now shelling the woods where the many skirmishes are. The position here is very strong and all say that in case