

Camp 9th Vt. Inf

June 14th 1863

Dear Maria

One year ago
to day or this evening rather
my company was organized
and I got home about midnight
to tell you the news of my
election, which was not very
pleasant to you then, but I
think since you have come
to the conclusion that it was
the best thing I could have done
and perhaps saved me from being
drafted and obliged to serve as a
private besides having the dis-
honour heaped upon me of being a Conscript,
nearly a year has past since I
left home and many changes have
been wrought since that time I
think has been a year of benefit
to me I think I am better