

Adm Genl of the Ft  
Yorktown Va

July 10<sup>th</sup> 63

Dear Maria

The day after  
I wrote you at West Point  
we came down here in  
transports and are now  
occupying the Fort which  
is quite an extensive Command  
and mounts from 80 to 100 guns  
It is the one built by the  
Rebs last year, it encloses  
the village of Yorktown but  
the place dont look much  
as I expected to see it  
for there is not half as much  
of it as of Swanton. It  
seems the whole force has  
or is marching down the  
peninsula and the taking  
of Richmond gives up