

Yorktown Va.

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1860

Dear Maria

Though not a portico  
of news do I think to write I  
will commence a letter to you and  
put in what comes into my head  
as I go along, to day is Sunday and  
a dull day it is I have hardly  
been out of my house but expect  
after tea to take a short horse back  
ride for exercise. The weather  
here is quite cool and comfortable  
of late but for some reason our  
sickness does not decrease as  
fast as one could wish, but few  
of our Regt are entirely well but  
we report 130 sick. I am getting  
tired of this kind of a monotonous  
life here in this fort and would  
be very much pleased to get  
orders to leave here for more active  
work, but of course I must be  
contented whenever it is my lot  
to be cast, nothing would please  
me better than to go to Charlestown  
and to aid in humiliating the  
inhabitants of that accursed City  
but from all I can learn we are  
doomed to remain here and I  
presume next Spring will not