

Fort Weymouth
Sept 18th 1863

My dear Maria

Too much time has
passed since I last wrote you and
I will try and send this by to day
mail. St Croix has arrived from home
and I have had a good long talk
with him, he has told me all about
how you look and the children he
says Ford is a little thick tongued
Dutchman. It is a great pleasure
to hear from you by so direct a way.
He gave me a full description of
the time at the Springs and I should
judge it was a gay one, he thought
you would have danced had he not
been there to have told me about it
when he came back. did he get funny?
It makes me almost homicidal to
hear of his good times and of Capt
Plat & Coe Dowells being there enjoying
themselves with their pipes and
then to think of my being away
down here without even a hope
of getting away for some time to come