

Fort Snare, Va
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Dear Maria

It is nearly a week since I last wrote but circumstances have not been very favorable for writing I went down to Ft Monroe last Wed 7 and was gone two days, got back yesterday, I went down to see Col Ripley. I went to Norfolk in the mean time and attended the Theatre I also bought me a man Colt 3 year old paid \$71 - On returning from Norfolk to Ft. Monroe I was just entering the hotel for my breakfast when a young chap came up and give me a punch and on looking at him closely I saw it was Sister who had just arrived from Balto I was glad