

Christtown Va
Oct 15th 1863

Dear Maria

Not a word of news
have I to write but that we are
still here. We were ordered away
day before yesterday and got everything
packed up, and the steamer was
at the wharf ready to receive us when
the order was countermanded so we
were the second time disappointed
in getting away from this place of
sickness and death, but still we
expect to leave very day for Newbern
I think. Lester will go with me,
Continue to direct your letters to Ft Monroe
and in case we move they will follow
me I expect the box of clothing now
very day and expect they will be large
and warm, these I now have an very good
yet but so small I can hardly get them on
perhaps I will send them with my sword and other
things home by Lester when he goes. Rec'd a
letter from you yesterday. I get them very
regularly. Hope you will overlook my irregularity
I will write again when we move
Affly Yours Robert F. W. Parson