



Yorktown Va

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Dear Maria

We are still at Yorktown and I almost begin to think we are to remain here but Col Ripley dont believe but that we will get away in a few days. I dont hardly like the idea of going to Steubertown but am anxious to get somewhere away from here so that sickness will be less. We are improving a little more and last eve for the first time in two weeks had a dress parade and had out about 100 men. The 'meig' is some smaller but he tells me he is getting better every day Sartwell has gone to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Hospital at Ft. Monroe. Dr Carpenter thought he was getting along well when he left here. Ballou is also at the Fort but I learn he is able to return for duty. I am very well with the exception of my throat that has troubled me some for two or three weeks past and kept me coughing considerably but Dr has touched it every day lately