

Size of knapsack
to Hamilton
Dr. Father to send
the Fox as soon
as possible for
the men and animals
to be sent
Fred

My dear Mother
Camp Hamilton near
St. Innes Oct 27th 66

Maria

O I know you will
be surprised to see a letter dated
at this place but here we are, and
I will tell you how we came here
Last Friday night our Regt embarked
at Hamilton with the 99th New York Regt
on the Steamship "John Rice" we arrived
at St. Innes about noon of Saturday,
there being two Regts aboard and all
the horses we were so much crowded
that Col. Ripley got another Steamer
to take 8 Co of our Regt off and
I was left to command them. The
Steamer was the "U. State" and small not
adapted to heavy sea. We left the St.
Sunday morning early while the wind
was blowing very hard and rolled
and tumbled and struggled along for
till we passed Cape Henry. The Capt
concluded that he could not go through
so turned about and got back to the