

On board Steamer "Maple Leaf"
Off Cape Hatteras Oct 29th 63

Dear Maria

You will see by my
date that we are on our way

We left Ft Monroe yesterday afternoon
and have got so far. We had rather
rough weather till towards morning
when the wind shifted and now
although it blows hard the boat
is quite steady as it is favorable

It is now 9 o'clock and we expect
to land at Morehead City tomorrow
this afternoon. We met the Steamer
"Doku Res" (as we supposed) early this
morning on her way back so
I expect the remainder of our Regt
got through safe. I am yet ignorant
of our stopping place but expect to go
from M-City by ^{to New} Cass but may remain
at the former place. We are very
comfortably situated on the boat
she being large and spacious, some
have been sea sick but I am
one of the fortunate kind and