

On board Steamed  
"Maple Leaf" at  
Monkhead City Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 63

Near Prairie

We arrived  
at this place yesterday afternoon  
at about 4 o'clock. We found  
no cars to take us on from  
here so remained aboard of  
the boat. On arriving here  
I learned that the rest of  
the Regt are about 10 miles  
from here at Newfort barracks  
on the ~~Stap~~ River where the  
Rail Road crosses and that  
they are to remain there, we  
are now expecting cars  
to take us there. Every how  
I hear of is rather a  
dismal looking place and  
entirely away from every body.  
This City is some like  
Yorktown but less of it and  
the name is why it is called a City