

Newport Barracks No. 1,
Nov 12th 1843

Dear Maria

I was much pleased yesterday to receive two letters from you one was dated Oct 28th the other Nov 4th, they have been some times on the bar the news was just as good to me as though I had heard it before, St. Devitt arrived here today, and I gave him a right manly scolding for not making you a visit and take a look at the children for me, He is looking better than when he left - he says you are getting your back up because so many are going home continually and I remain here, - You also make mention of it in your last letter, the fact is Maria I have not seen the chance yet to get away and I have been hoping something might turn up so