

Newport Barracks N. C.  
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Dear Maria

I am not sure whether I have written you since last Sunday or not but think I have. If I have not it is all the same for nothing worth writing about has transpired since that time, and if you dont get letters from me very regularly you must remember it is owing to my forgetfulness or being troubled by business at about the time I should write. I got two letters from you yesterday dated Nov 11<sup>th</sup> + 16<sup>th</sup> also one from ~~the~~ Motts, it is not often we get letters here and when we do get them it affords us just so much the more pleasure. I am glad Eater got home all right did he give you any money? When he left I gave him \$20 - and supposed what he had left when he got home he would give you. Day before yesterday I took a ride out on the Danforth road and find it one of the pleasantest roads in this vicinity and thus all 6 miles from here I saw the 1<sup>st</sup> painted house I have seen since Comings. The man who lives there wants to buy my horse & I would not wonder if I sold him. I think I can get \$250 for him for I shall let him go for I think I can better myself for the same money - Now little Boray has got a calf - I hope she will not be troubled from her bag - I am going to give you an order and as I dont give you one very often I shall require strict obedience and that is that you quit going down to Father's to