

Neopost Barracks
N. C. Nov 26th 1863

Dear Maria

It seems almost useless for me to write to day, but I know just how you will feel if you dont get letters from me often and I must say I am glad to have a Wife who is so anxious about her Absent Husband for I fear if anxiety was lacking - Love would be also and Dear Maria no one knows the happiness I feel by being possessed of a Wife who I know has a deep love for me and one who will always be so true to me. I received a letter from you yesterday dated the 18th and a good one it was, such letters are worth having.

I am glad if any of my expressions seem to give you pleasure. I presume although you know perfectly well my feelings it does you good to have me express them occasionally. I know I have the same feelings you do, and your expressions are just as dear to me as mine are to you - One year ago to day I was at home with you I think I left for Chicago the 27th. the time seems long - then I thought the war would be ended by this time, but to all appearance it is no nearer ended than then - but no knowing but that peace may be proclaimed in a month - You grant it - Now it seems you have at last got your eastern under way I hope nothing will prevent your getting it completed - the Troops you can get of Brooks - pump also and N. C. to do the work but I presume it will be all fixed before this reaches