

Newport Barracks
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Dear Maria

It has been some 4 or 5 days since I last wrote you but so many things have transpired to keep me busy I have had but little time to do any thing, to day I have been with Col. Ripley around our picket lines and arranging them differently so have been in my saddle ever since morning & to night am a little tired I tell you I was disappointed in not getting a chance to go to Kernow to recruit but presume all is for the best I see by the Burlington Times that Elsie is at home and I know just how you will feel when he arrives And I oblige to remain here but be assured that at my first opportunity I will make you a visit and when then I shall want you to give me a dose of