

Newport Parquets  
N.C. Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1868

My dear Wife

It is now a week since  
I rec<sup>d</sup> your last letter and the time seems  
long but we expect to get a mail this  
forenoon at 10<sup>1/2</sup> o'clock, thus I will get two  
letters I am sure for they always come by  
pairs I did not go to the hunt yesterday  
as I expected but Col R went and their  
success was not first rate only getting one  
deer a wild hog & coon, the deer was a  
large one and we will have some venison  
steaks for dinner. The reason I did not go  
is that it would do to have too many officers  
away at a time so I remained in command  
I wrote Carrie & Fred each a short simple  
letter and presume they will be pleased  
to receive them, Old Frank the horse I  
sent you a letter of I sold yesterday  
for \$250 — to a Mr. Bell a citizen here  
I would not have sold him but he did