

Sturport MS of C  
Jan'y 31<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Maria

I will write you  
a few hasty lines. It has  
been nearly a week since I  
last wrote but I have been  
so very busy it was been  
impossible for me to write  
before our recruits arrived  
here on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst and I have  
not seen one minute of an hour  
since. Maj Parblet is here with  
Capt Reynolds from the 6<sup>th</sup> & two  
Lieut's from the 2<sup>d</sup> W and five  
men they are. They all return  
this morning. Maj with the rest  
we get about 450 men which fills  
our Regt nearly full. All our Regt  
went out on a Raid the 27<sup>th</sup> and sat  
last night Captains 28 Hobs & horses Col  
R - Callison one to go with him to Newfort  
good by I will write again in a day or two