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My Dear Laura

When I wrote you last, it was
from Brashear City, and I was not well,
since that time I have not been exempt
from the bustle, excitement and hard
labor, that I find is the lot of a soldier—
While I was sick, I had neuralgia
dumb ague &c but did not feel bad
enough to be off duty—the Col. however
thought that I needed rest & ordered
me to New Orleans, making some trifling
business matters as an excuse—I knew
that you had written me several times
for my dagger & type, & thought it
would be a good chance—besides
knew as well as the Colonel did that
I needed to rest—which I never could
do, while with the Regiment—So I