

Camp Suffolk March the 27<sup>th</sup> 1863  
I now seat my self to write a few  
lines to you to let you know that I am  
well and hope that these few lines  
will finde you all well. I have not  
much news to tell you there is not  
much a going on here or not much  
don towards bringing this war to a  
close the moste that I see going on  
is Officers riding around with the  
Honey Women of Suffolk they have  
got this place well fortified and keep  
lots of Pickets out <sup>to</sup> guard the place  
and they feel safe here and very  
unconcerned they have a gay old time  
Drinking and galling this is what pedon  
the war is the big pay and the sing of  
our troops to guard a pack of drunken  
Debauched Officers and cuir for nothing  
only the big pay and the chance they  
have to perform their meanness

The officers are not all of this class but there is too many of that stamp for the good of the Government. There is some officers here that are the true bla- but they are over powered by money seekers and office worshippers that care nothing for nobody but self, our General will send out a force of troops and he stay here in side of the fortifications and when we were engaged in battle have to send men on Horseback eight miles to get commands or orders from the general I think that a general would know better what moves to make if he was a little nearer or there is a great deal of ground lost by waiting for orders from head q<sup>r</sup> Quarters while we were engaged in the fight at the Insurtd House we learn that General Pick had the Provo guard pack up his things and prepare

to escape to Norfolk I think that he is as big a ~~scound~~<sup>coward</sup> as my self do not let any body see this that will publish it for the Military law would handle me hard for speak-<sup>ing</sup> ill of my superiors. the soldiers say that if General Pick gets to Well first that there will be no danger of any more going there for he will have it so strongly fortified

Good evening Catharine I put my writing by to go on drill and when we come off from drill I found your letter here that was dated march the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and was glad to hear from you and to hear that you were all alive there was an invellof in it with a stamp on Catharine you need not send me any more for I can manage to get them easier than you can I hope that Mr Maryson will take the bush and make a nice lot of sugar for you tell them to handle the

Store tub carefull so as to not brake  
the Chime. I expect to get sum pay  
in a few days but how much I cannot  
tell there is about sixty five dollars my  
Due but I shall have to take just what  
they have a minde to pay me our  
Captain thinks they will pay us four  
months wayes that will be fifty two  
dollars but I am afraid that they  
will only pay half. that will be twenty  
six Dollars be it more or less it will  
help sum you spoke about my comeing  
home I have no ideah that I can  
get a furlow if I should try ever so hard  
there is a great many that is not able  
to perform duty and they will be  
the first to get furlows I would like  
to see my little ones and you <sup>may</sup> guess  
whether I would like to see you or not  
itis all most bead time and I shall  
have to close I Hull Mrs C H H