

Office of Depot Commissary
Beaufort Ft. C.

July 25th 1862.

My Dear Friend.

Your welcome letter, directed to
Norristown Pa., I received last week. Your
advice came too late, my mind was made up,
and I was already on my way to New Bern
when you gave it. However I thank you for it,
for I have no doubt but what it was the best
that could be given to me under the circum-
stances which I was placed.

I left home on the 7th of
June last; left the "Empire City" for "Dixie"
on the 19th inst; and arrived at New Bern on
the following Sunday at noon. Oh! but it
was warm, I thought I could never stand
it, but I am still living, and likely to be

for some time yet. Of course there was a
great deal of shaking of hands to go through
with, many questions to answer &c, still I
came through it all. I remained at New Bern
my week, when Captain Ritchie was ap-
pointed Depot Commissary at this place,
and I was ordered down here to take charge
of the Commissary Property and Subsistence
Stores belonging to the Department. I had a
nice time of it, I assure you. The following
Monday I was ordered up to New Bern on
business for the Department. I expected
to see my Brothers and Friends of the 51st
Pennal Regt, but I was doomed to dis-
appointment, they had left for Richmond.
I would like very much to be with them.
I got through what I had to do in two days
and then returned to this place. Captain
Ritchie C. S. and his "Staff" live in a very
nice frame house, the Southern style you
know, and are living pretty well now. We
have plenty of Chickens and fish. This you
know is one of the "most fashionable watering

places" in the South, we are very fortunate
to be here then, are we not! After this month,
we will not be compelled to work very hard;
as it is we enjoy ourselves very much; go
out sailing &c. &c. This is a small "one
horse town", but much more healthy than
at New Berne. We are favored with the late
papers now, have them up to the 19th and the
"Jersey Blue" will bring later dates tomorrow.

It is quite late and I must close
Write soon. Hoping you are enjoying good
health, and that you will join your Regi-
ment soon I remain

Your true friend
J. H. Sedell Jr.

To George H. S. Driver Esqr.

Quart James H. Sedell Jr.

care of Captain M. Fitchie C. S.

Beaufort N. C.