

Fort Lamy Sep 5th 1861

Dear Parents I seat myself to inform you that we are all well & hearty & enjoying fine ~~pl~~ satisfaction. We are stationed about three miles below Newbern I dont know how long we expect to stay here I understood they ^{people} had hoisted a union flag at Washington below here

Singlery taked about going down there & take it down. There was seven killed at Cape Hatteras the remainder was taken prisoners. I have herd several Masons say they wouldnt hurt bill Sutton for they are bound to befriend each other.

There are about two thousand soldiers here at this place, we have seven companies belonging to Singlerys regiment including one Artillery company. They have sunk all the vessels taken by the privaters down the river to keep the enemy out they was filled with sand. It is a complete blockade.

Water have been scarce down here for the last few days but we can get a plenty now we have cleared about six acres of land down here

I wish they would camp near our house about two weeks. I havent got much to write this

time I hope this letter may find you
all well, give my love to all enquiring friends
Lallie & Perry especially. Write soon nothing
more only remain your Affectionate Son
until death. Direct your letter to Newbern
Benjamin Wooten