Dear Father,

You will observe I have again moved my washing; we are now occupying the one Strong Hotel of Leicester. I left Baltimore last 3d nights and came down in Totlock's Manor on a slow boat and arrived there the next night about Sundown, and laid there all night and came down here the next day Saturday, and commenced moving our goods to Camp ground about 3/4 a mile from the river, that night we had no tents but the men slept in some new canvas tables and slept on the ground under a big Tarpskin between some home bales, and an hour after I got up in the morning the water was 4 or 5 inches deep where it laid. I remained all day tied and we had to move a large part of our good and put up our tents. The ground is sandy, and soon became very soft & muddy.
It became very muddy and we had to cut a path through what was called a Sabrano fields. We slept on the boxes in a bed. Saturday night it came hard and the boys had not their tents properly staked around and in the night the boys were woken up by a fire pot. The water ran into the tent several inches deep. They got one out the morning with long faces. The rest of the flash pot of Egypt. That night they were and fortifying in Fort Marshall so fire to dry up and Sunday was cool. Sunday after noon I had to go to vote for Mormon after some work and reached there just too late to get back that night. The next morning it blew so we could not get back to the lake over another night. Of course with the 6th Mass Regt and the next night with the 10th N.Y. and reached here yesterday. Everybody congratulating me on my safe return. They gave me up for dead. The 10th N.Y. is the only man from my old regiment. And it now here from Baltimore a New year. Battery came here yesterday from the Mormon.

There were some 20 or 30 men when we came here. The 6th Mass is to be there daily. We only know we are here. When for we know not. Some day to guard this place from those. Some day we are to go with better to Ship Island. Some day more to go to Norfolk. Time must let. I something must be done we can see Corrience Island across here. There are several little camps in sight across the river. Point there. The coming down. We are just up the month of James River. This is a very pretty point no town here except camps. Decided to get Sunday morning. Have had no time to write. Write much the camps are all excitement. better here and at the Mormon about going some when. Have no news to write. no letter to write. There is a great many laughable incidents. This place. The health of the Regt is good. This is a very healthy place. If we go to Ship Island. I'll well try to let you bemen before we go.
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