

Fort Anderson
Newbern, NC
June 22, 1863

Dear Friends,

It being understood that a boat is leaving for the North today I avail myself of the opportunity to let you know that we are all well.

Some heavy showers lately have rendered it cooler for a day or two. I received yesterday several papers from Mary. Attended church yesterday and heard a good sermon, and after service had a visit as usual on such occasions with Jimmy Nickol and then came home quite satisfied.

In the church in Newbern they have a large organ and its tones are quite refreshing to the ears of the dwellers in tents, who live in the backwoods all the week hearing only the music of the fife and drum.

We learned yesterday of the rebel invasion of Pennsylvania and as we thought the long fighting now to be done by the army of the Potomac we were not sorry that we were out of it.

The boys are all well and doing well. Everything is quiet on the lines.

Yours in haste,
John Whipple