Dear Friend,

I have just received your kind letter dated Feb. 7th and was very glad to hear from you to know that all were well. Happily, you will see by the heading that I am not at York, N.Y., but am in the Rear Command detached to build batteries on the opposite side of the entrance of the harbor and to keep a constant picket at the bay day. I am under the supervision of a few depot staff officers. The main part of the work is now coming to an end. The detachment has been here about a month. This is one of the
loveliest place on Earth, it is very warm, so the confronate flowers are in bloom. Birds are singing in the grove. I perfect land like Earth. But is well. He enjoys this way of life, purely. I have shown nothing splendidly bright. Poor Clara is dead—she seems like losing a butterfly. I have one of the boys buy letter from the day. He dies very quietly. I hope it is in Dymer. Ill communicate with. The rebels in the town is not difficult. They must either stand or surrender. My only escape which I wish. To know about is still very fresh in my memory. Tell Lucy. I hope to meet her again one of these days, at what time I will endeavor to tell the story must better than I can possibly do by mail. In regard to those New Year's dinners which Lucy Howard wishes me to send him. I hardly know what can't take co.
I have been deprived of the society of the Duke except long that I should be long in the world and in the world embarras. Whatever ill admit near the last but I should like to accommodate her but under the present circumstances it would be impossible to tell. I put him from the bottom of my heart I only see the boy has a degree of the few ones or a strong Besides the little daughter of the mountain, left him, he has the sympathy of all. I do understand the future is in which he is placed. I had a letter from Rome some time ago, if I only had the letter with me, I would answer it. I have nothing clear to do I feel rather home, you come when I come with the rest and have some good time. I would like much to be with you this winter. To have a part in some of these parties.
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love to you 

I shall write when you write

I shall remember me to my sister I
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I shall remain for you sending

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