

January the 8 1863.

Fredericks burg.

Miss Rebecca Taylor

Dear Cousin Rebecca

I take Mrs. All  
 custody. Don't see how I could answer your  
 welcome letter that I received last night it  
 found me well I read it over two or three  
 times before I retired I have been looking  
 in every where for letters from you it  
 come at last you has got one on the way  
 now better. We has got in up a nice little  
 stand with our little fire place in  
 use come so we are enjoying ourselves first  
 rate I think that we shall stay here quite a  
 spell for the most of the officers has gone  
 to Washington to hear the drunk I got a  
 letter from Will the other day they all with  
 better they is so balloon goes up here every  
 day signal went up in it the other  
 day I wish that you could see it