Fort Hamilton, N.Y. A.
August 15th, 1864

My Dear Mrs. Brown,

I intended writing you sooner since but have delayed it for various reasons. You will doubtless be surprised at finding me at this post where I have both of my parents and many pleasant living. I left the regiment on the 2d of this month, my foot which was in worse draft last fall having become so painful that the surgeons informs me that to save it I must leave the field. Many changes have taken place in the regiment, and in have been called to mourn the loss of many of our comrades, but the loss of none fell so heavily upon me as that of our Major. I was near him in all the battles, prior to the one in which he was murdered, and can testify to the cool manner he led his regiment. I was with him when he was placed in the ambulance to be sent to Belle Plains, and was with me the day before which he gave me at the time. I read the letter.
whence you kindly wrote to me on the
13th of June and the news of it was so cheering
that I was certainly that I should soon hear the pleasure of taking him by the
hand. His name he left in my care and it is still with the regiment.

It is his favorite property and I have been kind of offering you what deposits
he thus was made of it. When I left
I put it in care of Capt. Standsfield our
Captain of the regiment. My intention is if I return to the field at the expense of
my line to purchase the interest and
give the amount if I do not go back. If
I mayly to buy it. I suppose that
it would be your wish to sell it, as this
trouble and expense of getting it to you
must be great. I shall turn in the
money of two days when my letter will be
made. I shall be pleased to hear from
you and from your mother on this
matter.

Please I am a little while
I received which referred to some thing

which the May come out of the field just
before the campaign opened. If you wish let me know if
they have reached yours. I wish for
Mrs. Standsfield a line.

This is a present of my
being ordered back. If so I shall
come to see of day.

With kindest regards to yourself
and love to little Betty and the other
children. I remain
Very truly yours,

[Signature]