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

My Dear Mrs. Brown,

I intend sending you a letter since but have delayed it for various reasons. You will doubtless be surprised as finding me at this post when I have been of my entire vacation pleasant home. I left the regiment on the 2d of this month, my foot which was in much last fall having become so painful that the surgeon informs me that I am not as yet able to return to active service. I must be in the field. Many changes have taken place in the regiment, and I have been called to mourn the loss of many of my comrades, but the loss of none fell so heavily upon us 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 Belgrade Plains, and have since been the object of much care. The letter
which the May come out of the field just before the campaign opened.

If you need let me know if they have reached your I will drop
Mrs. Beale a line.

This is a present of my being about there if do let me
continue to see at Dundee.

With kindest regards to yourself
and love to Lizzie, Bobbie & the other children I remain,

Very Truly Yours,

McIntire
Mr Coates

Aug. 1824