

1862

Fort Larcaran March 9

Dear wife I thought I would  
 write to you a game to let  
 you <sup>me</sup> that I am well and  
 and hope you and the  
 boys is the same we  
 had news that the  
 burside fleet had taking  
 ritch man by the telegraph  
 this noon they heard  
 fifty guns in washington  
 I rate to you that the  
 island number ten was  
 taken but that was  
 disputed but it so and  
 they say that they  
 took six thousand  
 prisoners and there is  
 a nother place that they  
 have taken but I cannot

know what the name  
of it is they say  
that they have taken  
three of the rebels  
Generals they say that  
they had the Hadist  
list that they ever  
new I don't know how  
~~many~~ their was last  
on other side they say  
that they did not lose  
a man at island  
number ten for the  
reason that the other  
night we had a dreadful  
storm on the river and  
scurvy of our men and  
a lieutenant went and  
spiked the cannon so  
that our folks had  
nothing to do but to march  
right up and take it

about this news may  
be contradicted about I  
hope not about you  
wood had to see the  
spot that we have to  
sleep in this whether  
it snows and rains  
hear and has for two  
days and we haven't  
any fire in our tent  
but it is present when  
it is present but it  
is damn cold hear now  
but there is none of  
us in the tent and  
we lay close to each  
so that we keep pretty  
warm I don't think  
of any more to right  
now but I will  
right to a game when  
I hear more about it

I dont know as you  
can read this but  
I want you to try  
hard to read it  
and I want you to  
right as often as I  
can get the same share  
of it from yours  
most affectionate  
husband so good  
only D. W. Starnard