

to Col. Colburn, & waited their answer
with as much patience as could
be mustered for the occasion, see-
ing that it was breakfast time.

We were quite busy all day, &
expected to be the next night,
so I remained in the office, and
did not attempt to go down to my
room. I was not bothered till
about five o'clock A.M. when
a Lt. of the 16.th New Hampshire
came in for some Ball Cartridges.

His Regiment was ordered to march
at ten minute notice with blankets
slung, but without tents or knapsacks.

He had a team ready, so we
both got in, & I made the driver
take us down to one of the store-
houses, where I gave him all the
cartridges he could carry & sent him
off. The only object of Gen. Putzel's
advance was to feel the enemy &

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Dearest Person

Since I wrote to you I have
been awfully busy & have had hardly
a moment I could call my own. For
three nights I never went to bed, but
got what sleep I did get, on the lounge
in the office, & in my arm chair. As
you have seen by the papers Gen. Putzel
advanced on the 13th inst. from Berwick
Bay, & Gen. Emier's Division was also
ordered to move at the same
time. The two, kept us at work
night & day, until the affair was
over. On Wednesday night I came
up to the office at half past six
as usual, to see if the evening mail
had brought us anything. I found
a note from Gen. Banks on the
desk, requesting Lieut. Hill to send
him by two P.M. the next day a
Report as to the condition in which