

New Year Day,

My dear Mother & Sister,

I write to tell
you I am doing well and have
another girl born 30th of Dec —
She is the first baby I have ever had
and I am thankful to be living —
I shall write you a long letter some
body here but Ma — she is very
kind to me & the children,

My husband is well and safe.

as he writes Dec 20,
received all his letters and
don't know whether or not he
was in the battle of Fredericksburg.

Do not be uneasy about me
I shall be prudent —

Yours most truly
from

your affectionate Child & Sister -

Maria -

[Faint, illegible handwriting on a separate piece of paper, possibly a continuation of the letter or a separate note.]