

knew what he was about how-  
ever, & that he left Washington  
safe. Gen Hookers division  
is all ready to move, & will be  
transported in a few days, - prob-  
ably down to the mouth of the  
Rappahannock. The "Elm City,"  
"C. Vanderbilt," "Geo Brooks" & other  
large boats, are now lying on the Mary-  
land shore of the Potomac waiting to  
move the troops. McClellan has  
one hundred & thirty thousand with  
him & from Old Point the march to  
Richmond will commence. If McDow-  
ell can hold his position at Manassas,  
& keep the railroads, etc. the move-  
ment will be made within a few  
days. There will be a fight at Norfolk,  
but if that is taken easily, I don't much  
think that they will try to hold Rich-  
mond very long. I hope we shall get  
to Fortress Monroe before the attack  
takes place on Norfolk - I should

To Grand Steamer Achilles  
Alexandria Va.  
April 6<sup>th</sup> 1862.

Dear Father

You will hear of our  
arrival here through the letter I  
wrote to Mother yesterday. As soon  
as we arrived I went up to the  
Dr. Masters office with the Capt.  
to report, & then took the first boat  
to Washington. We did not know  
but that we should be ordered  
away immediately, so did not stop  
in the city at all. The Capt. went  
up to the P.O. & I walked over  
to Aunt Kates. I am glad to  
say we were both satisfied. I  
found ten letters waiting for me,  
so I think I have some friends at  
the north still. Yours of the 29<sup>th</sup>  
Inch. was rec<sup>d</sup> containing the Postage

Stamps. They are very welcome I assure you. It is the first letter I have had from you, - those you sent to Col. Ingalls Care. have gone down to Fortress Monroe with him I guess. If that is the case I shall receive them by & bye, for the Col. is very careful about such things, & will take good care of anything in his charge. I got one from Mum, & one from Jan Weed, which were sent to him (as I told you before) so I don't doubt that the others will come. It is the safest plan to send them to Aunt Kater, for there is no "Dead Letter Office" in the background. I shall be able to call for them every now & then, & if my wants are always as well filled as yesterday I shall do very well. There is one comfort in not getting them every day, - I am sure of a bigger pile when I do receive them.

It is Sunday afternoon & we are lying alongside the dock at Pier 3. The sun has come out very hot, & if it were not for a pleasant breeze, it would be very sultry. The men are all on the dock lying on the hay, & loafing. They very seldom leave the boat & are never far off. All hands have been off to the land of God since dinner. I got up but a short time since & the Capt. is still asleep on the bed. We have steam all up of course, & can start at five minutes notice for all our seeming inability. There seems to be a rumor here that the Southern army is not so far off after all - I hope it is untrue, for we have but some thirty thousand troops here now under Mr. Dowell. I rather think that Mr. Clellan

each man wants, & he can keep  
the account straight. I shall  
also keep a memorandum of  
the amt. - each man receives.

Some of the crew need clothes,  
boots etc, badly.

This must be mailed this  
morning so Good Bye

Affectionately

Appleton

Our orders have come - we leave here  
to morrow with a lot of barges. The engineer  
wants a new bolt in the crank pin, & we are  
going to the Navy Yard to have it put in. It is a very  
small job - the bolt being only 6 in by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in diam.  
& hardly worth mentioning. We shall be  
all ready by the time the tow is, & there wasnt  
the least objection made to our going up.

The boiler is holding out wonderfully -  
I hope it will continue to do so.

App's.

P.S. I believe the Capt. asked you to send the  
money to the Dr. Masters. Do you think that is  
as safe as if it were sent to Aunt Kates to my  
care? Shall you send by Express or mail?

Capt. Hopkins wishes his wife to have \$75 for  
Mch. \$50 for April - \$50 for May &c. Is the  
order all right? Send Capt H. also \$25 -  
the ballance of last months pay.

like to see it. The "Canonicus"  
 is here - she was towed off by the  
 Atlantic the next morning, &  
 I believe has gone to the Navy Yard  
 to repair. I rec<sup>d</sup> a note from  
 Mr Weed yesterday, & will answer  
 it tomorrow, - send him list of  
 crew etc. I shall write to  
 Mother also tomorrow & answer  
 her letters of the 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, rec<sup>d</sup>  
 yesterday. Tell Ed that I got his  
 note & will try & write soon.

I believe the Capt. wants to write  
 a line, so I shall stop until he  
 wakes up. —

Monday morning.

Andrew has written to you  
 himself, but wants me to tell  
 you that most of the crew  
 want money. I got the list  
 of the crew & this morning, &  
 enclose it with a note to Mr  
 Weed. I have told him just what