

as I left the remainder of the \$200  
with Capt. A. - just keeping enough  
to carry me to Wash.<sup>5</sup> & back. I  
will see him in the morning & find  
out if he has any word from Capt.  
A. or Mr. Or. for me, & act accordingly.

It was very fortunate that I found  
some clothes in Wash.<sup>5</sup> or I should  
have been without money, clothes,  
or - I had almost said friends, but  
I won't forget Mrs Burnap.

I believe in taking it coolly however  
& doing the best one can. I found  
seventeen letters waiting me in W.  
some of which I was very glad to get.

I will try & send you Kate Hayward's  
direction as soon as possible, as  
Mum tells me you would like it.

I hope my rifle came safe to  
hand. Tell Ed to take care of it  
for me for it is a first rate gun.

The stock wants polishing  
but that makes no difference  
in its range. - 1000 yards.

Baltimore Md.  
May 18<sup>th</sup> / 62.

Dear Father

As I notified you  
this morning in a few lines scratched  
in the Dr. Dr. office in Alex. I left  
Wash.<sup>5</sup> at 3.30 P.M. & arrived here at  
5 o'clock. Went immediately to  
Reeders Wharf. & found - the Sch-  
illus gone. She was hurried off  
about 2 P.M. so I was just three  
hours behind time. I can do

nothing tonight, so I came right  
to Mrs Burnaps - 45 D. Calvert St.  
where I am now. I shall probably  
have to be here a day or two, but they  
seem very glad to have me, & I shall  
make this my headquarters for  
the present. Mother's carpet bag  
never came at a better time.

I have a few clean clothes to fall  
back upon & can get along very

well in that respect for a week, or even more, should I not find the boat. I have not yet decided what to do. I shall see the Dr. M. in the morning & find out where the boat ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> going after she reports at West Point. I think my best way will be to take tomorrow evenings boat to Old Point, & then the mail boat to West Pt. By lying here tomorrow I shall reach Old Point on Tuesday morning, & Yorktown on West Pt. by Thursday night.

The Achilles I believe took a heavy blow & will therefore go slowly.

She will run all night & get to West Pt. by tomorrow night. Then she will have to coal up & I think it will take her until Tuesday eve. at least. At any rate that is my only chance of finding her. I am glad I succeeded in getting the Certificate, which I mailed to you this morning with Charles Party.

It may be some time before you can get the money, but you will now be able to draw as soon as the funds do arrive in N. Y. & I hope that will be shortly. I am not sure whether they mean us to pay the repairs just finished on the boat, or whether Govt. foots the bills. If they do not stop our pay for the time we were in the yard, I don't so much care, for Mr. Weed says the expense will not be much. I have not heard any thing said about it, but I know that several boats had their pay cut off for the time they laid up, & I was a little fearful they might serve us the same way.

I am very sorry I missed her this time, for I have not been to West Pt. yet, & am anxious to go. I telegraphed on Friday for \$100 for clothes, but Mr. Weed's coming made that all right. If I go down to Old Pt. however I shall have to get an advance from Mr. Board-

Union men in the place. This place - Balt. is almost as bad, & I should not be very much surprised to find the place shelled out by Fort. M. Henry some fine morning. Of course I had a long talk with my prisoner. He is a New Yorker, & his father lives in 24<sup>th</sup> St. near 3<sup>rd</sup> Av. - unfortunately I've forgotten the name. He tells a pretty hard story of their sufferings down in Charleston. - says he enlisted to escape, & that there are hundreds in the rebel army who would give every thing they have to get north. Ordnance stores are much more plenty than Commissary D. & often his regiment had to depend on foraging for supplies.

He knew several of the Louisiana Tigers - Commanded by Major Wheat. & says they are not men but devils - most of them of French descent. His regiment the 8<sup>th</sup> Low. was

After what I have seen of secession to day I don't much care how the rebellion is put down. If it comes to be necessary to arm the slaves it must be done. I don't care ~~that~~ about the blacks, but to put down this infernal rebellion any means must be right. It provokes me beyond measure to see the rebels so public in their demonstrations. This city is a modern Sodom. There is a rumor here to night - that Gen. Clellan has been defeated, our gunboats driven back, the Palmetto sunk, Monitor disabled, & all the rest captured.

The Merrimack is reported to be up James river instead of having been blown up, & altogether the city is rather upside down. I don't believe any of it except the part about the gunboats, - that I am afraid of I confess, - The Confederates here have full faith in the news however, & are out in the streets in

in force, & talking quite loudly.  
Why don't Gen. Dix stop their mouths  
See the talking here however is  
nothing to what I saw in Alex. this  
morning. While in the office, two  
men came in with the Confederate  
uniform on. They were in charge  
of a sergeant of the 91<sup>st</sup> Penn. &  
had deserted from the 8<sup>th</sup> Louisiana.

They were going up to Wash. &  
while waiting for the boat I went  
through the back end of the town  
with them. The sergeant walked  
with one & I with the other.

They both wished to be considered  
as prisoners & the way the rebels  
in that place got fooled was funny.

First a man came along & joined  
the sergeant - "Prisoners?" "Yes"  
was the reply. In a very few min-  
utes there was a crowd around  
us & women came up behind &  
slipped silver into their hands,  
offered them cake, pies, ale, or

any else openly, & showed their sym-  
pathy in every possible way. Men  
constantly came up & addressing  
one or the other of our prisoners

"Come & take a drink?" The ser-  
geant of course always refused to  
let them go, & then the crowd brought  
out bottles of liquor & urged them  
to drink.

I thought at one time  
they were about attempting a  
rescue, & I believe they would have  
tried some foolishness of the sort,  
had not we both been visibly  
armed. Some of the crowd followed

us on the boat & tried very hard  
to separate our party. It was  
rather hard on our two deserters,  
forcing them back to rebellion  
whether or no. If they had been

known to be deserters, they would  
have met with a very different  
reception. I should like to see  
Alex. burned to the ground - it  
would be the best thing could be  
done for it. - there are not ten

9.  
under Col. Kelly - formerly  
a Capt. in the U. S. Army. His di-  
vision was commanded by Gen Taylor,  
whom I never heard of before.

I also met this morning sev-  
eral of our released soldiers. Most  
of them were captured at Bull Run  
& have been in Richmond ever since.

They belonged mainly to Ellsworth's  
Fire Zouaves. They don't give the  
most enticing accounts of the To-  
bacco warehouses. I was talking  
with one of the crew of the Congress  
who was captured at Newport  
News by the rebel gunboat "Fisher"  
when the Merrimack first came  
out, & got a very good account  
of the fight from an eyewitness,  
which is better than all the news  
papers in N. S. Thank Ann  
for her letters sent to W. - I will  
answer them shortly & send a  
good long letter. It is getting

late & I must close so Good  
Night - With love to all  
Your affec. son  
Appleton.

Monday -  
Forgot to say in letter just  
written (enclosed in bills) that  
I rec<sup>d</sup> \$25 Cash from the Brando  
this morning. I will transfer  
same to boat acct. & keep  
strict record of all expenses.  
A.S.