

any thing said about it, will
do all I can to get them to keep
us through. We will make
run three months at any rate.

I hope we shall stay on, for I
want to use up the stores we got
in Balt. They must have us
for the James river by & bye it
seems to me, & it can't be long
before we are able to go up there.

As soon as we get orders for
any job, I will write again
& let you know to what point
we are bound, so that your
letters can meet me there.

The engineer says the boat is in
better order now than she has
been for a long time, much better
than when we left R. I.

Affectionately
Apps.

Sir, Achilles.
White Horse, Pamunkey R. Va.
May 22^d / 62.

Dear Father

By the date of this,
& by my letter to Mother, you
will see that I have joined
the boat once more. I was
lucky enough to meet her at
Yorktown on Tuesday. I have
been looking over the stores &c
& I believe all are on board
save the Codfish. He ordered
a half Sumner I think, & I
suppose it is down in the bill,
but the Fish are not on board.
I presume in the hurry it
was forgotten & not sent down.

I think the Government ought
to pay for the former work &
upholstery & part at least.

of the butcher's bill. We received orders to prepare for fifteen passengers, - officers, who were going down, & the extra expense for berths, beds, pillows & blankets were for them. We should not have got so much fresh meat either had we not expected boarders. At the very last we were informed that they were going in another boat, so we had our troubles for our pains. I did not think until I had started for Wash^g that you might want me to go back immediately, or I should not have said anything about his going down with the boat. I have been very sorry ever since that I did. I do not think he would have come down at all had he not supposed the boat would have returned to Balt. by this time, &

that I should have awaited him there. He has been quite uneasy ever since I came down, & will return just as soon as he can. I hope that you have not needed him, but it was a thoughtless piece of work all the same. We have been lying here at the "Whitehouse" ever since morning, & are ordered to "coat up" tomorrow. I think very likely we may be sent up to Balt. again, as Major Belger made a particular request that we should be. In that case he will get to N.Y. the first of the week. Several of the boats have been sent home as you doubtless know. The *Bay Queen*, & *Arrows*, are the only ones I have heard of lately. I hope that we shall escape for the present, & if I hear of