

will see that I do not expect trouble from any of them, the only doubt being about the Engineers health. The main thing of course is to keep the boat employed as long as possible & it looks now as if she might be here until the end of August.

The time of course is a mere guess on my part, but I see not the least prospect of her being dismissed at present.

The last order from Capt Sawtelle is, "All boats not able to perform the duty assigned to them in consequence of being out of repair, shall have the time docked from their Charter until they report again in readiness for duty." That is if our boiler should give out & we should go to Balt. to get it repaired, we should get no

On board Steam Cichlid
White House, Va.
June 5th 1862.

Dear Father
I last night received your letter of May 27th & this morning that of June 1st. They are the only two I have received from you since I left Balt. in the Jay. I have written for the letters at Ft. Mifflin to be sent to the place, so I hope soon to receive the others which I know you must have written. My letters cannot all have reached you either, for I have written home sometimes to you, sometimes to Mother, two or three times per week. You ask me why I do not write & say you have not heard from

a long time. I cannot imagine
where my letters have gone for
this is the eleventh since I
left Balt. I had but very
little time while I was on board
the Elm City & Newcastle
but I wrote to Mother three times
& to you twice. For the last
two weeks we have been lying
here in the Pamunkey river, for
the most part entirely idle,
but occasionally running down
to Cumberland, West Point, or
Yorktown, for vessels, & then
returning to the White House
to wait further orders. There
has of course been very little doing
on board. I do not anticipate
the least trouble from Capt. A.
leaving the boat to go home. On
the contrary he seems glad to
be here, & frequently expresses
his wish that the boat may be

kept here all summer. I have
no doubt but that he will remain
just as long as the boat does.
So far from being tired of the
work here, he seems to enjoy
it, & only wishes for a little more
to do. You need feel no anxiety
that the boat will be reported
unfit for duty, as Capt. A. always
seems to wish to report matters
to the Dr. Master even better than
they really are. The same is true
in regard to Capt. Hopkins &
Mr. Dranks. The Engineer has
been quite unwell for some
days, but is rather better now,
& I think will remain. If he
keeps well I expect he will
be willing to stay here a month
or two yet; perhaps longer. At
any rate I shall have long enough
notice before he leaves to send
you for another man. You

ing. I should like you to send
me some steel pens & some postage
stamps. It is impossible to
buy either here, & unless I get
some stamps soon I shall have
to stop writing, for my stock
is almost out. I have
not been well myself for a
day or two, & yesterday felt afraid
that I should have to come home.

I am somewhat better today &
shall wait a day or two & see
how I am then. I must have
taken very heavy cold, for all
my limbs pain me very much.

I have a very bad headache, &
a little fever. There is no medicine
here & nothing to be done save keep
quiet, so if I find I am getting any
worse I shall come home. I shall
take care of myself & rest for a few
days, & I hope I shall feel better. I
enclose a letter to Mum as it saves

5.
pay for the time we were absent.

Of course if anything of that
kind occurs we shall hurry
up things with all possible
dispatch. If everything

goes on as well as at present
however we shall have no
trouble. Let me know as

soon as you get money for
2^d certificate, & I shall be

better able to tell you where
to send Charles Parry for 3^d do.

By that time we may have
been sent away from here.

It is so very hot down here that
Lieut. Webb Capt. A. fixed

the table on deck, & now we
take our meals in the star-

board gangway aft. - a very
much pleasanter place than

the cabin. I do not think we
shall need an awning for the after

deck - we have one over part of

the upper deck, made from some
old canoes, & that is very com-
fortable. I advanced the crew
in Balt. altogether \$104. 50.

I dismissed four men to
whom I paid the following amts.

Bunk Patrick	\$5	& order for rent
" Tom.	\$5	do
Curry Patrick	\$10	do
King John	\$27	paid off in full.
	\$47	

King was the man we engaged
in Alexandria, & he stated that he
wished to go back, & was not going
to N.Y. so I paid him in full in-
stead of giving him an order upon
you, of the rest of the money

Capt Hopkins had	\$5.
Briys	10.
Drum	10
Mr Dermott	10.
Riggins	10.
Hilleman	10.

Ellis had	\$2.
Edwards	.50
	\$57.50

In giving men orders ~~for~~ upon
you for their money, I have al-
ways ~~deducted~~ mentioned the
amount each man has had
advanced to him. Briys (2^d eng.)
left here on the 26th May. I was
not then on board, but Mr Weed
knows all about it, - he drew
in all but \$10 from me. I gave
two more of the men - Riggins &
Ellis, orders upon you the other
day. I have engaged two others
in their place, & will send
you a list of the crew as it now
is as soon as I can make it
out. We have just received
orders to go to West Point with
two schooners, & to bring two others
up. I presume we shall be
back tonight or tomorrow noon

9.

stamps. Tomorrow I will send a
Memorandum of the May expenses,
also correct list of crew. - My
head aches too badly for me to write
more to-night.

Affectionately

Appleton.

