

but 23 lbs of steam on. I  
send you an order from Capt.  
Hopkins on the Dr. In. I  
don't know whether there is  
any especial form or not,  
but if the enclosed will not  
do, please send it back to me,  
& forward the order you  
wish him to sign. I think  
the order I send however will  
answer all purposes. I got  
a letter from Mother this morn-  
ing. Russ mailed it when he  
was here, & I was very glad to get  
it. It is the second I have had  
from home. Mum says that you  
have written several times - I  
have been unfortunate enough  
to miss them all, but I hope I  
shall receive them when we return  
to Washington. It is getting quite  
late & I must "turn in" but  
will try & add a few lines in the  
morning. Best love to Mother  
Grandmother, Ed. & Tom if he is  
still with you  
Affectionately  
Appleton.

On board Steam Achilles  
Fortress Monroe.  
April 1<sup>st</sup> 1862.

Dear Father.

We left Alexandria  
on Saturday last with a heavy  
tow, & arrived here safely last  
night at 8 P.M. We were  
detained by a snow storm, thick  
weather &c. This morning  
I went on shore with the Capt.  
to report, & the Dr. Master here  
Capt. Hunt. sent us off  
immediately to the assistance  
of the steamship "Constitution".  
She was ashore up in the B-  
tomas, but where abouts we  
could not find out. We got  
under way & started at 10.30  
A.M. & proceeded up the bay  
to Smiths Point, where we



met the Constitution coming  
down at 3.10 P.M. We of course  
had to return, & got back here  
at 9 o'clock P.M. & are now  
lying at anchor below the  
fort. We had just coal enough  
left to get here; - half a ton  
over I believe. They will  
coal us up first thing tomor-  
row I presume, & then if we  
have no other orders shall  
return to Alexandria. The  
"Flushing" lies on Hampton  
bar, & I should think in a  
very bad place. She was  
sunk in the 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> I think  
but how I have not been able  
to find out yet. She looks  
as if she had been run into  
on the starboard bow. The "May  
Queen" is here, - arrived this morn-  
ing just as we were going out.  
The J.V. Arrowmith was at

the coal dock this morning, also  
the "Illinois" (or "Brooklyn") &  
the "Townley." I saw the  
"Sanahen" last night, & the  
"John Brooks," "Elm City," "Jno.  
Farren," "Daniel Webster," &  
a dozen more at the dock  
this morning. Most of them  
had troops on board, bound  
for Hampton I believe.

We beat the "Golden Gate" very  
handsomely yesterday. At  
7 A.M. we were leaving Piney  
Point, & she was then about  
two miles ahead of us. She had  
one schooner in tow, & some  
troops on her deck, - we had  
one bark, & two barges, heavily  
loaded, & three schooners.

We were side by side almost  
all day but arrived in the  
Roads some three miles ahead.  
That was doing very well with