

Harrison's Landing.  
on James River July<sup>9th</sup>

My dear parents,

I have not written to you for so long, that I fear you will be getting anxious about me again, especially so, from the tone of my last; but I am happy to assure you of my safety yet, & in much more favorable circumstances, we are again at our old business of guarding the docks just the same old story that it was at the Navy House, on one day & off the next, but I rather prefer it to being up on the lines, building fortifications, as they are doing, The weather here is very extremely hot, but we

being so near the river got  
a cool breeze, our couch is  
very pleasantly situated on the  
bank of the stream, but  
the accommodations for riders  
are very poor, we have to go  
a half a mile in gay  
driveway to get back  
that is fit to drink.

Dear Madam

You know the condition of  
things here better than I  
do, as I will not try to  
tell any thing. I wish to  
see subject health. I can  
stand any thing. I will send

a small amount of  
money which I hope you  
will put to a good use  
& have got lots of other  
things of the same kind  
which would be great

things at home. But I  
cannot send them now.  
If you like you could  
send me a box of things  
by Adams Express, but you  
can see your own judgment  
about it. I am in a  
great hurry & must say  
good bys. Farewell,

Excuse the scribbles  
from your  
& family of the