

tell you that we shall be  
very careful of it. We keep  
it in the locker in our little  
room & no one can get it.  
Save the Capt. & myself.

It is a good plan to have some  
on board, for the officers, &c.

I am glad to hear that  
the certificate was all right  
& hope by this time that  
you have the money.

I think I may have a chance  
to write more fully in  
the morning & will do  
so if I can. If not -

Good Bye for a week.

Affectionately

Appleton

Sunday afternoon  
Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> / 62

Dear Father

I have but a  
moment to write for I must  
be off. The Achille is here &  
I am going to join her this after-  
noon. We have orders to be  
off tomorrow for Cape Henry  
but if we do not go I will write  
you again. I have been on  
board the boat this morning, all  
are well. I am more than ever  
dissatisfied with our cook.

Capt Andrew says he takes no  
care, cooks only what is handy,  
& wastes a great deal. We can  
get no other here, for the different  
regiments have taken them all.

If you can't get Davis can you  
send us a good one from N. Y.?

I suppose we shall have to keep our present one until we get back, for we shall have no chance to change him. I think we shall be here again in a week however.

Our movements are so uncertain however, that I hardly know how a man would catch us. He might report here (434 D. St.) two or three times per day, & so meet me, but then it might be a day or two, (perhaps more) before I arrived. I shall keep a look out for another one, & if we have luck perhaps we may catch one. The boat had a heavy tow down last trip, (8 schooner) & a head wind going into Ship Pt. & blew a hole in the Boiler. The two engineers put a patch on them & delves however in a few hours, & the boiler is now as good as

before. As one knew that we were out of order. There is a little leak in the steam chimney still, but it does not seem any larger, & I do not think will give any trouble.

The pump put in the last day on the R. R. works all right - price \$55.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

They asked \$60 & took \$5 off. I received your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst. with fishhooks, & another letter, for all of which I am much obliged. Our Whiskey gave out at Ship Pt. before I left the boat, & I wrote to Mr. Grand as you directed, for other provisions, on Thursday.

Told him to send by Express to 434 D. St. & I hope we shall receive it before we get off this time. I need not