

that he had best advertise  
the Pochabontas for New York  
in the afternoon papers. The  
steamer Potomac came in  
this morning, & the Washington  
leaves tomorrow, so that Bond  
wishes to get ahead of the  
Potomac & thus secure more  
freight & passengers. I do  
not think that he can charter  
his vessel, for I know that  
mrows have been taken here  
lately, & several have been  
dismissed & sent north. I  
cannot understand why this  
is so unless we are to lie  
entirely quiet this summer,  
for there are not enough  
vessels in the river in hands  
of the Govt. to move any  
large body of troops against  
any point at one time. I  
do not think that under these

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Dear Father

I have been very much dis-  
appointed in not being able to  
answer your letter of 15<sup>th</sup> March  
before, & in affairs I can tell  
you but very little even now.

Your letter came to hand when  
I was first taken sick, & I was  
not able to read it for nearly  
two days on account of my head  
& eyes. I got out for the first  
time last Tuesday, but of course  
was very weak, & I have hardly  
been able as yet to do more than  
get over to the office in the  
morning & back to the house  
by two o'clock. Of course I have  
not been able to go down to the  
levee, or to make many inquiries  
about the shipping houses here.