

Washington Navy Yard
Oct 27, 61

Dear Brother and Sister

I was happy to acknowledge

the receipt of your letter dated
Oct 20th and I have improved the

earliest opportunity in answering it

I have just returned from having
a run in Washington I can say

the City of Washington did not
meet my expectations; with the

exceptions of the Capitol the place
is not what I expected to see

and that is not finished yet;

if Washington affords a sample of
these Southern Cities I think I

should retire forth as soon as

possible; I am happy to ~~state~~ report
to you that my health is better than

when I last wrote to you

and we made our escape from
the dangerous position we were
placed in without meeting with
anything serious; and arrived
safe in Washington Navy Yard
as soon as we arrived in, ^W
they made our Captain; Prisoner
and commenced a Court of enquiry
over him which lasted for ten days
keeping all hands on board of the
ship during the time the most
of them being used for witnesses,
the Court was finally passed
and Captain Chandler was detached
from the navy and I believe he
is now a prisoner they made it
out that he sympathized too
much with the South; after the
Court was over the ship was
hauled along side the wharf and
commenced undergoing repairs

wish was to be completed in
as short a time as possible
not allowing us time to wait
for to have a new boiler made
but to fit her out as soon as possible
and to return to York River
and Mat. there until the new
boiler is done; wish I believe they
are erecting either in Baltimore
or New York; we have had our
entire change of Officers through
out every thing has been in such
a confusion in changing our
Officers that I have not been
able to arrange things as I
expected we shall not be out
long before I shall be able to fix
it; if we come off victorious in
running the Blockade on the
Potomac; the river has been
entirely closed for several

days they have got six miles
 of batteries on the rebel side
 which we have got to pass
 we are a going to make the
 attempt to night: pass or no
 pass we are now lying in
 sight of their batteries in
 company with several other
 boats belonging to the flotilla
 we are the only one that has
 orders to try and pass when I
 arrive in Hampton Roads if
 we effect a pass I will write again
 I received a letter from W^m Phelps
 report all well as can be expected
 C says she is raising boys for
 the army: Go in C
 Give my love to father
 and mother sister Ann and
 all the rest of them if I
 have left anything out you
 must excuse me you can't
 imagine the hurry I am in

in regard to the place of J, P
I dont quite like it for the
price; I would sooner have a
smaller place with a better
house on it; I dont think I could
make much use of that Creek let
perhaps by the time you write again
you will have an opportunity of
falling in with something better
tell out to remain with our
father she will not lose any
thing by it; if I live she will
have a home in after years
give my best respects to all the
aristocracy of Perry, C.
tell H to be a good boy, not work
to hard I would like to be there
to take a foot race or a buck ball
with him write as soon as you
can Direct to Hunter Roads
U. S. Steamer Down in Care of the

Belag ship, &c except my
love from your true and
living Brother

George T. Finch

H. S. H., B.

M. A. B.

Respectfully Yours

A. H. Pappine
Perry City
Schuler
Co. N.Y.

From 1

received this of C. A.
Finch Nov 6, 61
mailed one in answer
to this Nov 11



The Union now and forever
One and Inseparable