

I did not send my hints when at Baltimore but will when I get back there

City Point Va
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We arrived at this place last eve at about 5 o'clock on the River Steamer "Long Island" with our prisoners in charge but as they had no place to keep them over night on shore we were obliged to keep them on board and are now waiting for their cars to arrive and then we will go in to the wharf and unload that will be about 10 o'clock. we will go down the river immediately and will get to Fort Mifflin at about 6 o'clock this eve. This place presents a view beyond ~~the~~ and what buildings are left are pined with cannon balls. here is where Gen Sumner gave them a slight bombardment and burned the rail road building and wharves &c. Col. Stowe has been ashore and seen the rebel officers and exchanged papers with them & I have just been reading the Richmond Dispatch and according to that the people of the north are suffering terribly there is a Swedish flag flying on the bank and the prisoners manifest their delight on seeing it they have behaved themselves well and we have had no trouble yet with them — since writing the above we have been searching the rebels to see if they were trying to smuggle any thing by and we found quite a number of our canteens, brown paper, knapsacks, &c. which we took away from them. One of them had a satchel full of Yankee notions so we took that, I have got sick of the filthy set and will be glad when we finally get clear of them. Yesterday while on our way up the river we ~~took~~ parolled them as none of our men were ready for exchange