

On board Steamer Alabama -
off Fort Monroe
Troops Landing -
May 13th 1861 -
11 o'clock A.M.

Dear Wife
We have arrived at Fort
Monroe in safety, and I am in
pretty good health. except I feel
a little weak from sea-sickness
yesterday - We left New York about
5 o'clock Saturday P. M. and at 7 o'clock
Sunday P. M. were off Cape Charles
and could have reached the fort
the same evening, but the lights were
all put out and the Capt. did
not deem it safe to attempt
to enter the bay till morning -
This morning we came in in good
style. While coming in a smutty
little steam tug, with two guns
overhauled us, and wanted to know
what Regiment we had on board -
Some one replied "Vermont." "Are
you Green Mountain Boys?" - "Yes" -
at which reply they gave three