

P. S. Speak to Harding, Geo. Pritchard, Strickland &c
about my having the nomination as State Atty again -

Hampton, Virginia May 25th
1861
Saturday P. M.

Dear Mary:

Just as we had fallen into line to
march out of ^{Fort} Fortress Monroe this morning three letters
were handed to me, all from you. I did not get
time to read them all, for five or six hours - One of
them was the one you and Laura first wrote, two
days after we left home, another written May 15th
and the other written May 20th. Of course I felt glad to
hear from home altho' rather long delayed -

We were ordered out of our good quarters at "Hygeian
Hotel" or "Willard's Hotel" this morning, and we have
now got fairly encamped again under canvas - It is
said among the men that this change of quarters is made
by Gen. Butler to accommodate some of his favorite Mass.
Troops. If that is so he will not be very likely to get the
good will of the N. Y. Troops - just across the road from
us is encamped a regiment from Troy N. Y. of the same
number as our own - Further up the road towards Hampton
village are encamped a Regt. of New York Firears. They
came in this morning, the Troy Regt. came in day before
yesterday - They are in for two years - Our three-months
commences May 9th, as we learned yesterday by the muster
roll. Thursday afternoon we got notice to be ready to
march in fifteen minutes - Of course the whole camp