

Within 10 miles of ⁶
New York on board Steamer Bay State
July 16, 3 o'c A. M.

Dear wife

I thought I
would write a few lines as there
is a good chance. We left
Baltimore yesterday morning at
9 o'c and arrived at New Haven
all safe at 6 o'c P. M. and are
now lying at anchor waiting till
day light to go down through
Hell gate. as it is dangerous to pass
with large Steamers in the night
We expect to march up into the
City and then cross over to Jersey
City and take the Cars for
Washington but when we go from
there I don't know but as soon as
we arrive at some point I will
write you I find that it makes
some difference with me in holding
the position that I do ~~then~~ it