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Dear Laura

I again sit down to write you, not so much because I have anything new to write as because I want to let you know that I am still well. As you will see by the date above I have not yet changed my stopping place - though there is no knowing, how soon I may do so. -

About the time I closed my last letter we had news of the arrival of Gen. Banks and his army in the river - he has since superseded Gen. Butler and the excitement every where is intense - Gen. Butler has known for a long time (say 4 weeks) that he was to be superseded - but did not know, who by -

- I had been told so by some of his staff officers & was not so much surprised as almost every body else. The commotion is very great - part of his army have gone up the river, with most of the stores - a small part - have stopped at New Orleans - all the old regiments at St. V. have gone up - if we had remained at Algiers, we should have gone, without doubt -

- The Gun Boats move in the night & nobody knows their number or force - The Head Quarters of the Department are to be moved to Baton Rouge as soon as that place is thoroughly re-occupied - orders are given of the most unexpected and incomprehensible character, and emphatically - no one knows "what a day may bring forth" - for my part - I can say "let it bring" I am equally ready to go to Galveston, or Vicksburgh, I am glad Gen. Banks has come - Gen. Butler, with all his ability, & just severity towards rebels, has allowed, or winked at the most extensive & disgraceful speculations (Not to call them