

Camp Butler, Newport News, Va -
Thursday - June 13th 1861

My Dear Wife :-

I closed very hastily a rather long and painful letter to you day before yesterday, just as the boat was going out - I believe I told you that you might, or Laura, send a copy to Mr. McIndoe for publication - I intended to mark some places that I did not want published as it might involve me in trouble - The sentence where I speak of having some intimation of what was going on before the captains should not be printed. It may be necessary to omit two or three sentences or change some but I believe not - If Laura has made the copy and sent it down to McIndoe, she must copy a part of the first page and send it to him with strict directions to make the change at any rate, as it may cost me my situation if the paper should get out here. I have seen but one "Aurora" since I have been here; where are they? When Laura writes to Mr. M., wish she would ask him if he cannot afford to send me a copy of the Aurora and one at home - You all say when you write that you presume somebody else has written all the news. I wish every body that writes, you and Laura especially, would fill their letters with facts. Tell us every thing that occurs of the slightest im-