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FORTRESS MONROE, OLD POINT COMFORT AND HYGEIA HOTEL, VA

Camp Butler, Newport News, Va
Friday Aug. 2^d 1861.

My Dear Wife:

You are probably expecting that we
start for home this morning. I wish it were so, but we
do not go so probably before Monday. The boys grow
terribly about it. They cannot see the use of our stay
as the transports are already at the port.

I write you on a sheet giving a picture of the old
It is quite exact and you can get some idea of the
port from it. I have a larger one which gives
a fine view of the place. You can easily trace the fort
by its walls and the moat around it. The Hygeia
Hotel is the building with a piazza in front, and is where
we were encamped for a couple of weeks. The road
bridge to the left leads to Hampton. The view is taken
looking towards the east and the line of water in