

March 28th 1862

Dear Father

I will try and busy
my self after so long a time of
delay and absence a short time
to let you know that I am well
at the present time although I
have been some sea sick since
I have been on my voyge. we left
New York harbor the tenth and went
out ten miles and anchored over
night, then set sail for Ship Island
it has now been eighteen days that
we have been on the broad Atlan-
tic. there was fifteen days that we
were out of sight of land, yesterday
morning we came in sight of one
of the Bahama Islands, and this mor-
ning we are in sight of an other,
when I left N. Y. I felt quite
well but had not sailed but a