

Bermuda Hundreds Va.
July 26th 1864

Dear Father

We arrived at this place yesterday afternoon & disembarked immediately after arriving. We are now lying near the James River expecting to move to the front as soon as our company property is seen after & stored which will probably occupy two or three days. We can learn no news of any kind. Butler is quiet according to all reports. It is stated that the line is being extended across the James river & that the 19th Corps are to extend it still further. We heard considerable cannonading & musketry early this morning but as I write every thing is perfectly quiet. We can hear the guns when they are fired at Petersburg quite plainly. It is said that Grant can take Petersburg any time, but it will do no good as the rebs. occupy positions commanding the city & they can shell us out if we take the city. It appears to be the feeling here that every thing is progressing favorably. Such at least is the feeling of those with whom I have talked. I send home by the Cahawba a trunk belonging to Lieut. Howard of our Regiment containing several articles of clothes &c. belonging to me which I have no way of taking care of & consequently send home. I may want my dress coat & pants after this campaign is finished & if I do I shall write for them. You can send the trunk up to the house & keep it there until I do send for it. Any expense you may have on it send me word & I will remit.

I will try & keep you posted as fully as possible.

I remain
Your Affectionate Son
Frank

Love to all