My Dear Wife: I have just received the 13th and learn you at this time many a devil of good, though it made me more homesick than your letter generally do. That you know is the usual effect of letters from home, but it means to great when you are hoping soon to see the dear ones of your affaring.

I write you on board the battle at Newport: I made another attempt Alexandria the day we landed there and the battle is going to Alexandria with a third. If you had reason to complain of the safeguards of my letter among the latter part of my letter in your

3k I desire I have done some thing towards making reputation since I left

4k. I got John Howard's letter to day also and was much interested in it.
account of Brown’s fight. I am very glad he was acquitted, for I don’t think he was guilty and Bellamy was a refugee and no officer to the command. This might have perhaps gained him some favor. As you write there is very little for me more than an officer.

The preparations for a fight are going on very rapidly and the general opinion is that there will be a great battle between here and Richmond, unless the Rebels retreat to the James river. If they leave really such distance to take to Meigs, it is likely they will do so the latter. The papers assert very confidently that they have gone but we have too often been deceived in this way.

You must not expect much news from me, as I shall probably write myself very seldom to my own regiment & Brigade, which is now, and probably for some time will be, commanded by Lieut Col. Greene of the 12th Inf.

The news yesterday that Americans had lost 20 pieces of artillery and 2500 prisoners, the last Kearsarge prisoners at Fort Cyprus, fight me

convinced that a victory. I hope we shall be able to look upon the last fight in the same way. Among these killed I saw the name of Jack King commanding a Brigade. I am inclined to think this is one calling.

But hope not. You tells the true verdict. He has been wounded several times, and I had thought he was out of the field. The Capt of the 93d was also slightly wounded, I suppose.

If the Rebels have got the advantage over at Chattanooga he will make one job here in Virginia A much the bigger. In this view he is more deeply to be regretted as a reverse to the Union cause.

We are having much clearing full meriter. I could not have come into the field in a pleasant temper. The days are quite warm and the nights cool but too few without风雨. Our baggage came up last night and too late for me to dermine any benefit from