Dear Wife

I have but a moment to drop you a line we are about to leave here it is now 1 Oclock and we are anxious to leave ahead of the Fanny M Burny for by doing so we Can beat her to Murraysville and by so doing will be benefitted Materially our prospects are poor & we can not count on making much this trip but are bound Keep the Boat moving I Telegraphed to Pitt today to see what the prospect of water was & have not got an Answer to my dispatch yet. I am extremely Anxious to get home and will go as soon as water and other circumstances will permit Last night was the worst night I ever attempted to put in, I never saw the like of the headquarters I tried to Sleep in my room & Failed and then failed and tried in the recess at the stern and failed then also & then on the Boiler deck & from that to the hurricane deck & still failed and John and I started up town and got a good room at the spence house and slept from 1 to 5 oclock which is the best sleep I have had for a week. You would not think that the mosquitoes could be as large and plentifull as they are John says that they are worse than they were at California. Enough of Complaints I think you might string out your letters a little longer as you have a good and cool place to write and I have not. Give my love to the children and yourself I am in a hurry Excuse bad writing

Your Husband WB Anderson

Write to me and let me know how old man Walsh is Coming on also what the prospects of Corn Potatoes & C. are also what you and the Maid have been doing and how she turnd out is Willy at school & has John got start I am interrupted by Jo and others and must stop so good by

Your Respectfully WB Anderson

PS be sure to write as before I enclosed an Envellop in Yesterdays letter

WBA