We arrived here on Monday at 3 P.M. we had but little trouble in getting down but picked up nothing we were detained by the Navy department with a view of making a Gun Boat of us until this morning & then rejected on [unreadable] of me not agreeing with them on terms &c now I have no alternative but to take a load to Louisville at low process & then am required to report to the commissary department & expect to be sent to Tennesee River though have a home of getting to come back to Cin on my own account if we are sent below I will write from Louisville if not will write from here on my return I am well though very much out of heard not from any defects in the boat for she does well in every respect I would have written before now but wanted to wait till I knew our destination. I have not heard from the old Lady yet.

It has been excessively hot ever since I left home and the mosquitoes are very bad I have not had any offer to sell the boat I will sell if any good [unreadable] offers. I stopped at Gallipolis on our downward trip and proposed to put her in the Gallipolis & Pitt trade in the fall & got the promise of all the patronage there which will be I think what I will do if I don't sell I hope to hear from you on my return here. I have nothing of intrest to write about we will leave here tomorrow try & take food care of yourself and the children & get a girl as soon as you can for I know you need one I will close for my mind is not in tune to write long so good night for a while.

Affectionately Your Husband WB Anderson