Dear Wife,

I take my pen to let you know that I am well. we arrived here on Friday Morning and had to go over to the other side of the river and about a mile up Licking to put out our Metal and had a terrible time getting unloaded the Irish in this town are all on a rioting spree and wont work nor let any body else work we made a Contract with a party to put our load off for 15 cts per ton and when we got to the place to unload refused to work and then all our Deck hands but 2 quit and would not work so we sent over to Cin. for more men and the Irish would not let them cross on the ferry Boat so we had a good time to get our load out but finally succeeded and got back out of Licking and to the Wharf here about 10 Oclock at night and yesterday took all the Frt. we could get for Pitt and will I think by tomorrow Evening have a load we have now on and insight half enough. but the devil has broke loose over in Kentucky again last night the Mayor Received a dispatch to send all the Forces that could be got over to go out to Lexington as Morgan and 3000 men had Burned down Lebanon and were likely to take Lexington and the city was all one uproar last night and to day the Mayor then ordered all the Police 200 in number to start at 2 Oclock with as many more citizens as can be procured to go out on a special train I was up to a meeting on the public square on 5th street and could not get to hear one word in ten that was spoken while I was there there was a dispatch arrived to Morgan Hatch to send our men and arms to save the city as Lexington was in iminent danger as for Louisville they had enough to do to take care of it them selves and Cin. Must save Lexington I think I never saw as wild a people as all in Cin. are today I don't think that the danger is as great as is anticipated I think that all this is done to get recruits and then they will march them on to Richmond but be it as it may if they played the very mischief with business in the city for a few days. I was down to see the old Lady to day and Ella came up with me and is on the Boat now and is well I have some Pears the old lady sent you. I will take Ella and put her on the street cars and send her down home and Mail this if nothing more happens than I know if at this time we will be up about Friday or Saturday our trip will not be as good as the last on account of our down trip being so poor tell Mary McNamee that Wm is now on the boat on a visit and is well I will buy a Half Barrel of white sugar and put off as we go up if I can get it right everything is high and money scarce gold and Silver is from 10 to 15 per ct better than paper money here I will go up on 5th st tomorrow and see [unreadable] Whitake as I have to pass where she is on my way to the Lead factory on 9th st I have engaged 60 tons of Lead and but about half of it is down yet & I have to see the shipper tomorrow to let him know definitely about our time of leaving I will stop as I have no more news to write about

Your affectionate husband WB Anderson