

well father I must
send you a few lines so
far you think that I have
for got you but I think
more than I say you will
most right to me if I
doe not to you. Since
of the time I have a bad
place to right. I am now
seated on a bark and sitting
on a rock in the sun. I
have seen more tame
boats since I started from
marietta than I ever did in
if frank has not moved to
vinton. I want you to send
her letters onto her.
So I hope we will parall
ill

andrew P Nickel

December the 1862
Memphis Tennessee
My dear beloved wife I have
taken my pen in hand to let you
now that I am well and have been
ever since I was at home and hope
that these few lines may find you
injoying the same blessing I have
written two letters and sent to
vinton Co and sent my picture
also to Swan post office in the
case of either I received your letter
of the 23 yesterday and was glad
to hear that you was all well
and you said that your sail
was in a day or so and that if they
places and the gears did not push
what you thought they ought two
that David Denis we. a going to
bid them off that is all right but
did not say whether you was
a going to move to vinton or not
but I will a riot may letters they

Now I must tell you something about our trip from maretta to this place we started on saturday and got to cincin nati on sunday night and when we was a glting on the other boats they was taking out gards toleep they boys out of town and it was dark and the first man that started out and got on the flat boat walked off with his nap sack and gun in his hand and in to the river and went the full length of the flat boat and came up ^{he was in co} a gane and got out and the next morning as we started out their was one of our co got his head fast be tween the gard and one of the posts and I was by and pushed the gard off and let ^{and he was} his head out and we went a boar

five miles their was one of co the boys fell over board and was lost and on the other boat their was one man died in it and that was all the bad luck that we had in coming down the river we ar in camped in a bout 2 miles from memphis direct your letters to memphis in the same that you did to marietta I want a full history of your sail and your trip to vinton so fare well for awhile Andrew J. C. Kitchell well Becon I must send you a few lines I have not written a letter to John yet but I will soon the qc was seven miles east of nashville I think that it is not necessary to direct to his side if I get a letter from him I will send it to you if you do not get a letter from him before I des. So fare well for awhile