

him, & that four boats had
tied him in the morning.

The steamer "Atlantic" was
there (not the steamship!)
and she took hold first & parted
her hawsers. Then we took hold
and parted ours, - one belonging
to the Government, not to the
boat, - then the Atlantic came
alongside of us, & we each
ran out a hawser & pulled
on her for an hour, without
doing the least good. By that
time the tide had fallen, and
so we cast her off & came on.

We turned Maryland Pt.
& then came alongside of the
brig "Handy" for the night.

This morning we got under
way at daylight, took the
ships "Handy," & "Malony", and
three schooners, in tow, and
are now, as I said at first,

On board steamer Achilles.
April 5th 1862.

Dear Mother

We are in the Potomac
just off Indian Head, on our
way up to Alexandria again.

We shall get there some time
early this afternoon & I expect
to be able to take dinner with
Aunt Kate even if I have not
time to stay all night. I shall
mail this as I go up, & I hope
I shall find several letters
waiting for me in D. St.

We have had a very adventurous
trip this time. Left Hampton
Roads at nine o'clock on Thurs-
day evening, & ran across to the
Eastern shore to avoid the "Wolf
trap" & save our tide. Then
a little to the north of Cherrystone