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City Point June 18 1862

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 Date: June 18, 1862  
 Description: Samuel Washburn on rebel attack at City Point, Virginia

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to settle a good deal & very nearly knocked  
a steam pipe out of fix Have you any  
idea what they are going to do with her  
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is made either a Major or Brigadier  
General while in the Army let them fight  
never so gallantly they hardly get a first  
rate notice I dont believe that there has  
been any such fighting since the war  
began as our fight at Wards Bluff  
But I dont see as Capt Rogers or any one  
else has been even noticed at Washington  
There is a talk of our going to Annapolis  
Acorn in a day or two Capt Rogers  
read the Coast Survey the other day &  
desired me to say that he was very much  
obliged to you for it & wished to be remembered  
to you

E.B.W.

Very yours

J.B. Washburn

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