

Washington D C. Oct 21st 1862
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Description: Charles Cole to family about Washington, DC

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next ^{morning} as soon as light I went
on the upper deck and all the land we
could see was little of Long Island
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