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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
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How is it that if an Army officer has
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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
Academy in a day or two Capt Rogers
read the Coast Survey the other day &
desired me to say that he was very much
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E.B.W.

Very yours

J.B. Washburn

City Point - June 21

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