

we are to attack Mobile as
unmolested ~~we~~ soon will be on
the blue water again and will
see some more of this horrible
bloodshed. You have seen this pe-
ciewed all my letters the
dates of which will show that
I lost no opportunity of sending
a letter. My last was written
above Natchez. We went within
3 miles of Vicksburg when the
large ships were ordered down without
attacking the place for account
of the falling of the river. We
arrived here yesterday after our
trip up the river so resembling
a pleasure excursion. But to return
to your letters. —

Susie tell me what "the little
bird comes and tells you" please
do. That's a good girl. Don't
make me guess. I never made
you do so as ^{my} little birds would
ever whisper love for thee. Though

I appreciate your shyness. I hardly
fear that it will accumulate to
an alarming extent. I shall
indeed feel sorry when it does.
I felt shy about writing what
I often have said yet your
next letter written without any
reference to my own dispeled
the momentary feeling. of that kind
Rest assured that your joy at my
safe return will not exceed my own
at meeting you. I have heard our
Captain say that he expected to
spend the 4th of July in New York
Mobile is not yet taken though. We
at my rate shall not always be
parted, I feel, even if the will
of God in sadump parts us here
I am very grateful for your
kindness to my cousin and hope
the little witch will appreciate it
I can't get over the idea that she
is a little girl yet. Write a little
often Susie the mails will come reg-
ularly to the Crescent City. When you speak
of of Naval supply vessels going, where can
Lycium etc. be taken by army boat or mail
boat direct to ~~the~~ U. S. Richmond, Western

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U. S. S. "Richmond"
New Orleans May 29th 1862

Dear Susie:

As the McClelland
leaves this port to morrow with
a mail for the North I take
great pleasure in penning a
hasty line to you. If we here
long I expect the mails will
afflict us very regularly again.
The Capt. Luce arrived yesterday
day with dates of the 18th mat
He brought no naval mail of
consequence. The last letter from
you I received by the Massachusetts
though the Connecticut is below &
shortly expected. How gratefully was
your letter received written when
you had not heard from me
for so very long that you felt
anxious get "stiff." Your beautiful
little sea view is very appropriate
and makes me almost wish
myself out of this mucky
sides on the "rolling billow" of

Truly



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