June 10th, 7 o'clock.

Some did not get to Memphis last night & the mail did not go & I write a little this morning. We get along down towards Memphis at a remarkably slow rate. The pilot has run us on to another sand bar & they have been vainly trying to get us off for the last 4 hours. The steamer "Patsy", which has the 1st N.G. on board has come alongside & is trying to pull us off. The river here is very wide & of a mile "Puckin". I am disappointed in the width of the Mississippi. It is much narrower than Deseret. There is nothing to be seen on either bank except immense forest which presents a beautiful green appearance. The woods are third
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I guess you think I write on rather bad looking paper but everything on board is covered with black soot & in writing on such paper is as good as better that which is better nice. Some of the boys think the leak of this boat is incessant don't want to get us along very fast but I guess he wants to sell all the mail he can at 15 & 30 cts each. We were held off last night received $8 more sometime I think some of the boys think we got stuck because we have the paymaster (Walker or Beene) on board with all his greenbacks.
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Direct as usual until further orders Please send me a few lines