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I guess you think I write on rather bad looking paper but evrything on board is covered with black soot & in writing soiled paper is as good as that which is nicer. Some of the boys think the Cap. of this boat is secesh, don't want to get us along very fast but I guess he want to sell all the meals he can at 75 & 50 cts each.

We were paid off last night I received \$8 suppose you will get \$18 more <u>sometime</u> Some of the boys think we get stuck becaus we have the paymaster (Walker of Keene) on board with all his greenbacks

Direct as usual until further orders Please send me a few lines