Newport 29 October 61

Dear George,

Will you be kind enough to send the enclosed letter to its destination — I believe the regiment is in Butterfield's Brigade — but if you can ascertain mail —

I have not seen my way clear to run on [illegible] yet but will do so shortly — I hear a Commission is on the way to re-examine the Howard Battery — Some fears of a visit from the Merrimac are entertained here —

Good God what an administration — No other form of Govt could survive such an incubus — Yours [illegible]