

Hydrographic Office  
Washington DC  
July 21st. 1876

Dear Mr. Clarke,

I received your  
note some little time  
since accompanying a  
manuscript form.

I regret that I have  
been unable to do anything  
towards securing its publication.

I know I can count on  
your sympathy when I  
tell you the principal reason  
was the death of my darling  
wife - the end of my happy,  
happy years of married life.  
I expect in a short  
time, when my affairs can

be arranged, to say good  
bye to my baby daughter,  
now only three weeks old  
and to go to ~~SEA~~, where  
I now know not.

I Enclose or rather  
send by the same mail  
a N. Y. Tribune showing  
how the 4th of July was  
spent here.

Yours

Charles Stockton