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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR OF MACHINERY FOR U. S. NAVY

UNION IRON WORKS
San Francisco, Cal.

June 10th 1865:

My dear Judge:

I had intended to write
by the last steamer but having
failed to do so, cannot let this
steamer go without a letter to tell
you of our doings since my last.
We were very glad to see your
son Conway on his way to
Boston and to receive through
him so many ^{kind} assurances of
friendship and family. We were
very much disappointed that his
short stay prevented us from doing
him with us often and also
at dinner with us for when we
asked him and Alec we were
surprised to find he had gone on
to Boston, we could hear nothing
of him and our son Theodore

he at the same place, he
saw a job done & Alec before he
left for Vancouver on his journey
home by his steamer from that
place. His stay here at the
iron works has been of great
benefit to him and I am glad
to tell you I think he has made
good use of his opportunity to
obtain new work is done in
a large establishment. ~~from~~
conversations I have had with
Mr. Dahl the Chief Draftsman
in whose department he was
working, Alec does not seem
to care much for the confined
work of a drafting room, and
though he did good work there
his inclinations seem to be for
something more active and
I have no doubt his next trip
will be more to his liking and
be of benefit to him. Alec

always showed an interest not
only in general matters but in
outside matters when he could
gain information. He seemed to
make friends of all his con-
temporaries and I judge they were
of a good class for I never observed
any indication of any inclination
of joining with a fast set or
with a large city offers so
many inducements. He was very
to have some of the fine
Miss Lane and will always be
glad to hear how he gets along.
We are still at the Cumberland
1076 Bush street and for his last
few months have had for his
sister Alice and his little niece
Florence with us. He had been on a
visit to New Jersey when Mrs.
Kirchen at Summit Canyon during
the winter and brought little Florence
back with her so she comes to school
here. We have enjoyed having them
with us very much. Matters at
the New Works now are well and his

matter of reorganizing the ship building Co seems to be all
adjusted now. Mr. Jorystu is the only
one of his old managers now here.
Mr. Henry Scott, Mr. Jerey Dickie
& all their friends are out entirely
and new people under Mr. Jorystu as
President are in control. We all
have 3 or 4 large ships to buy soon
for the Am. Hawaiian, & Coast Companies.
We too had work was so slack during
his stay here but lots is coming into
sight for the next few years.

As for myself I have, owing a recent
decision of the Atty. General on the
Personal Law of 1859, become available
for ^{Voluntary} retirement on the 30th inst until the
next & pay of a Rear Admiral which I
could not otherwise have attained, where
made application for it & expect to have it,
but will have applied to remain on duty
here for at least another year or until
the 3 ships building here are finished. Whilst
this is settled my plans are very indefinite.
Our University Club Saturday lunches & pool
are broken up for several months owing to
extensive repairs & changes in the Club house
which they decided to retain, alter & improve
instead of building a new one. With kind
regards to Mrs. Clark and Emma I am
Very truly Yours
H. N. Stevens