

In Journal
Gleaned Knickerbocker
of New York Times
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Hon Isaac Washburn

Sir

Every thing
is so confused here. That I hardly
know how to write. Our army is
still advancing & the enemy fleeing
before it. None of our Regiments
have met with any loss. With the
exception of the 6th & 7th, and ^{those} slight.
(Officers all safe.) The 6th & 7th 11th
3rd & 4th, are with the advance at
Milliamdun. The 2^d & 5th at West
Point. Some 40 miles or so here.
I understand there has been
fighting there today, our troops
winning the day. With a loss to
us of about 100 men killed & wound-
ed. The 2^d was not in the fight
& I have not learned any thing of
but about the 5th. In connection with
the New Jersey & Volunteer Surgeons
I have succeeded in securing this
boat as a hospital ship for our.

for our wounded men. (without
expense to the State.) I think it will
prove a good arrangement.

Dr Wilson & Chaplain Ellis were
killed here tonight both very
sick. I shall try to get them on
board the boat in the morning.
Our 6th & 7th Regts. fought splendidly
at Williamsburg last Monday and
received the thanks of Gen McClellan
this morning. Who directed them
to inscribe Williamsburg on their
banners as a memento of their
gallant bearing. Our Turkey & Game
are with our Regts in the ad-
vance. Dr Richardson I detain for the present
on this vessel. Our Hospital stores
in the confusion of the advance
have been misplaced, and I am
ordered to ^{through} a fleet of
350 transports, to find them.
I was present under the heavy
fire of the enemy last week before
the evacuation and ^{something} run of shot
& shells & shells. I shall go on to the
advance tomorrow morning & on
my return will write you par-
ticulars

Respectfully
Yours
A. W. Nichol

Have just seen Dr Wilson he is
doing well

A. W. Wildes

Yorktown

May 8, 1862

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To J. Washburn