mission is The death, although she is preceded over by the traitorous Hicks. I learn even while writing that Lincoln has taken Bell Scott prisoner because he was going to side with the South, and had thrown up his commission, and has him now in prison. This is fine treatment to give that old veteran who has fought and bled in defense of his country. There was also a skirmish yesterday at Harpers Ferry, Major Lilly of Virginia who lived near there is here now on his way to take charge of his company.

Two thousand South Carolinians are now on their way to Norfolk to aid the Virginians in taking Fort Monroe. Can I stay here and pretend to study, when I am continually hearing news from the war and where my country needs