

Make it quite easy for some to run about
the people - without reflecting on expense
Had an amusing letter from Dudley of
Stockholm the other day but he must
be in England now - his foot was
much better - I've dearest Mamma
Minnie Poppy & boy of loving Alfred

Went Danville

Gulf of Finland - May 11

My dear Richard - & people generally.

Long life to you - I am
happy in being detached from the
rest and up in the Gulf of Finland
looking out for anchorage for
the fleet - after a long
fast. I got a famous lot of
letters - a few days since:

You might have told me
a scrap or two - You can't tell
how refreshing - an English letter
is - Minnie is the only one who
does her devoir -

The Russians keep very busy

and just in their batteries,
Shouse, - they don't fire at us
as yet. although I have been
within gun shot - What we
are going to do nobody knows
and. I dare say you good people
in England are beginning to wonder
Why the fleet don't go Nelson
fashion & batter down the
Russian forts. - St. Pauls,
St. Frontene orders we
suppose to hold his hand
our accounts.

I am going to have a
several days exercise at sea
today - and the fort here is
waiting to be closed - so I
must scribble fast. a disagreeable
fog - such fog we have here
is threatening to prevent my letters

from being seen = Had a
dear old Thrunder dinner with me
the other day - 20. years ago. Since
we started together in that blessed
old ship. what a time it
sounds - how few of us there
are left. I have many friends
on these ships - but never had
get a chance of seeing them -

I ran close along the shore
of a harbor yesterday told by
Sir Charles order if there were any
forts there - the people were
evidently excited & the rates
of the telegraphs went at a fancy
rate - An officer stood by
his horses side looking at us through
a telescope - but did not
return - Sullivan's (the Capt of flight)
& the vessel - (war) salute
Sullivan is such a good fellow

and has distinguished himself
in various ways - particularly
in the heroic defence war. —

The weather is getting warm
Yesterday - my warm clothing
became disagreeable - but today
a chilly fog has set in -

How beautiful - the leaves & birds must
be looking in dear old England
How I wish I could be with you all
Some give me most amusing acc.
of the wee baby & was most happy
in her visit at Hammoden. William
is, been trying to supplant me in
my baby's affections - I feel very
jealous. Sarah is now settled
for I have not heard yet settled
down at Old Hamode - I hope
she will contrive a visit to Hamode
some time. Of course some word
from Minnie - that I had Mr Simpson
for the board of my small family
but I pay by the week in order to