

M. M. Fowler
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Washington, May 22nd

Dear Mr. Sparrow

With all our care in preparing for the departure of your company, we forgot to prepare a cover for our Flag. We have made one which we hope will serve the purpose for which it is intended.

Allow me to suggest what perhaps you will not think of, that unless the Flag is sunned occasionally it will soon spot, and you will not be able to return it to us un tarnished as you promised. We think the cover is long enough to cover the gilded point of the staff,

Dear return to
Mr. Sparrow
Washington D.C.

The Ladies have sent down several
bundles by the Petrel. things which
were left, we also sent bouquets.
I fear you will think the ones
sent scarcely worthy the acceptance
of the Captain of so gallant a
company as the Washington Greys;
but I assume you they were all pretty
enough when they left our hands,
the boat has been detained and
this detention will rob our flowers
of their beauty. We received the
Greenhill company in fine style
today, bouquets fell in perfect
showers, I don't think they were
as much accustomed to receiving
such tributes as our gentlemen are,
Have you heard that the "Southern
Grand" and "Jeff Davis Rifles" are
ordered to Virginia, How will
you like that? Miss Clara Post
is very much disappointed to think

our company is not ordered there also
but the rest of us are very glad,
I am afraid you have had a
most unpleasant time thus far
and it must require all your
previous knowledge of Portsmouth, to
believe it ever could be a
pleasant place to visit, but I did
not intend to write a letter, pray
excuse this trespass upon your
valuable time. May and Clara
are still at work on the cover, though
it is ten o'clock. They join me in
sending love

Yours truly
M M Fowle,