

LETTER FROM CHARLESTON.

MORRIS' ISLAND, April 6, 1861.

DEAR HERALD:—A countermanding order from Headquarters deprived our company of the trip ~~to Morris' Island~~ at all those pleasant hopes of living among cultivated farms, fishing in the adjacent waters, worshipping in the neighboring church, and paying our respects to the fair ladies of the Island; for most of us have fallen greatly behind in our courting since playing the soldier. But subsequent events make us rejoice to remain here.

~~Stars and Stripes~~ brought at dawn before the threatening gun: the afternoon, last Wednesday, a schooner was discovered making her way into the harbor without any flag at her mast-head. The "Star of the West" battery fired across her, and instead of raising a passable flag, she hoisted the "Stars and Stripes," but was most too far from kindred colors to receive any help from her friends. The shot beginning to strike too close, she took down her colors, beating a retreat with an occasional shot or shell falling near to hasten her departure. One of our harbor boats attempted to board her after she had anchored beyond the reach of our guns, but the tide wouldn't admit. Maj. Anderson sent over his boat with a white flag and obtained permission to visit his discomfited friends. His officer remarked to the Captain of our boat guard, that if the vessel was injured, we might expect to have a Tea Party at night. Our Captain answered that he hoped to be one of the guests, being nearest to the expected feast, to which the officer promptly replied, certainly sir. His party remained about half an hour on board the schooner, and returned by way of Cummings' Point, reporting the vessel as driven in here by the stormy sea, her destina-