expect to ship soon, which will be all I think for now. Jim Armistead is ordered by the Sect. of War not to join any Office in Florida a leave of absence this Summer and all who are not are ordered in so you may look for me at home about a year from this time.

I am glad to hear Bob doing well in New Orleans I wrote to him but have not received an answer, give me his address & I will write to him again. I have not heard from home for so long time and am at a loss to know what is going on. Much love to all.

In haste truly yours

Jno. R. Armistead