

Dec 18th

fine weather and light breeze
from the NW at 6 am got orders
to get under way for Charleston
24 in number the steamers took
some of the lightest drafts ^{in front} sink
first all in a bunch like a nest of
geese. USS ^{USS} Vandalia and USS
Endicott with light breeze working
up for Charleston at mid
night the Rebel shelled us the
light breeze was dead it being
blown some 10 miles off