

[To: Miss Jane M<sup>e</sup> B Simpson  
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My Own Dear Janey.

On my arrival home last week. after having spent such a pleasant time. To my sorrow I found the Diphtheria had made its appearance again, but only a few cases. Sis. had it. She went to Colerain on Sunday to see Miss Gussie and caught cold. but she is now well. I went down to see her twice every day. We are all now well I believe except Pigboy and he is getting along very well. On Puffin is in Hassellville. he is very well and says he would like very much to go to Edenton. We heard yesterday that we have had another battle with Fort Pickens. We succeeded in sinking two of their steamers and silenced the guns from

the fort, our loss was seven killed and  
about fifteen wounded, another very  
large and fast steamer has arrived in  
one of our southern ports from England,  
laden with arms and munitions of  
war. the ship itself as well as the  
cargo has been purchased by our government  
Her cargo consist of ten rifled about 30,000  
stand of arms a large quantity of  
powder large quantities of blankets  
over coats shoes &c. it is stated that there  
is nothing in American waters can  
cope with her. She carries a heavy  
armament as the Yankees will  
some day learn, John Fernigan  
and his Lady got home last Friday  
both looking very well they have  
been to the pilot mountains, Mr  
Griffith and Miss Martha Holloman  
will be married on Thursday night  
I have now given you all the news  
about here, I am still very well

and hope this may find you  
the same, Give my love to your  
Pa Ma and keep a good portion for  
you sweet self, Please write soon

yours most affectionately

S S Sharp

P.S.

You must excuse bad writing as I have no pen except  
one of my own make nor cant get any to day