

[To: Handy Mitchell. New Bern

Dec 9, 1896]

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Port Russell

December 7

Dear Sir
I reciev my letter a few
days ago and was glad
to hear from you that
you was well but was
so long that you was
on way but its will
be so sad time but I hope
to see you soon I would
love to see you Phil
I was at number 10 but
meant the best I hope
that it will not be so
all yours I have a nice
~~card~~

Trip leaving hand this
 time and every thing
 was so ugly and badger.
 I now I have so much
 to say till I don't know
 what to say for the
 best and to suit ~~my~~
 my ~~that~~ I would like
 to say some thing that
 would please you so I
 will have to wait
 till I can see before
 I can say much and I
 hope that it will not
 be as if I was with
 you and near to you
 still I see my Charles
 is bad about getting of Pat
 but you know what I will
 not say

So I will not writ
 nill this time but that
 this time will love that
 if I may see my dear
 give I would have ~~to~~
 write to you before now
 but I have been gone a way
 to the conference ~~in the~~
 for the last post week
 so I have not been
 had for days but I will
 be had now right a long
 and I I guess I will have
 to stay now for a week
 see my thanks writ
 to you so my shall have
 my best wishes and a
 kiss to you at the last
 from your home love
 Love C. Jones

man I spell say
a few words name to
my that is Miss Loran
Ridible is going to get
married on the 23 of
December if nothing hap
to her this is all good
By and write soon to me
and let me see you one