

[To: Mr. Handy Mitchell. New Bern]

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Fort Russell

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Dear Sirs Mr
Mitchell I will gratify a few
lines to let ^{you} ~~you~~ here for me
I am ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~at~~ ^{at} present and
but when these few lines reach
you they may find you the
same and in saying you sell
the Best of all and I thought
at that I would have done
to New Bern as if nothing
happened to me and I would let
up near a Part if before I have
done so my love will of the
other wishes to see me and give
you night and if you see

Mrs. Forpe in a passing way
tell her that I will come of a
to see her and stay
with her and night while
on in town I shall stay
till Sunday if nothing
happens to me. So my very
kind regards to me I will see
there soon but to see
my other time now &
you I must not write and
write now. Recall I
expect to see you soon
this is from my dear friend
little love to my sweet
heart in the name of
my kind affection