[TO MISS M. A. CONRAD. CLEMMONSVILLE, N.C.]

Fort Hill Jan 20th 1862

My dear Sister

I have just finished a letter to Lucy. which came off of this sort of paper. I have nothing of interest to write times are hard and dull down here I have been quite unwell ever since I left home. I am hardly able to keep up but times have become so exciting down here. I can not go to bed. Every thing you hear is about the Burnside expedition We heard to day they had quite a number of boats in the sound and that they were destined for New Berne and this place There are a good many gun boats in the sound but I think they were driven in by bad weather If you could see our men at work you would think we were going to have a fight to night: but I dont think we will be attacked soon but it is well enough to be ready. We had an alarm last Sunday night Our men had to work the greater part of the night in the rain I have the battery where I am at work in very good order. and if the yankees should be foolish enough to come we will give them a warm reception The alarm on last friday night turned out false. and I am thinking the one to night will end in the same way although I hope not. I am quite anxious for them to make an attack upon us. We are tolerable well prepared to

receive them as well as we will be for some time yet to come. We might have been much better but for want of better men at the head of affairs we have been neglected. But let them come they will find it no easy matter for them to take Washington. The people are very much excited about him. They think we will have a fight without a doubt I wish the yankees would do something I am tired staying here doing nothing I have not heard nothing from the our troops in Va lately. As I have nothing to write I had just as well close my letter Write soon give me all the news. How is Dr. getting along. D.C. ~~Write~~ my love to all excuse this short letter I will try and do better when I get some thing to write about. That is after we have a fight.

Your bro.

L G Hunt

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