

Capt Hunter.

The great Burnside Expedition is in Pamlico Sound
Surre. They were seen by Com^d Lynch
& he with the Raleigh were Run
nearly up to the Marshes on Sunday
Night. How soon we may be attacked
no one knows. We look for it every
hour. & if conquered, good bye to City
In such an event I must look to
you to give my wife some advice.
She is young & no soul to depend on
& from your universal Kindness I
feel sure you will do what you
can. I have written her to see you
& ask if it would not be better in case
she is compelled to leave, for her to employ
some truly man or woman or both to
stay & protect & carry on the business
as usual if it be possible. It is a
hard matter for me to advise, unless
I could be present, as the time, they
are the only cause of trouble. How ~~may~~

self I have little thought other than
as their protector. The servants Aunt Lydia
& Aunt Elysa are true if no white per-
sons can be found. Please after your
family have some care for me
if necessity requires. It may not be
necessary for them to go away & it may
be only for a short time. I wish all
these things in case we are defeated
which I trust we God will never
be the case. We shall try hard not
to be, for now is the time when we
are really fighting for home & family.
My kindest regards to your family -
a part of Wise's forces are on hand
- Head 410 - would all use here.

Very Respectfully

Your friend

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