

Letter from J.R. Fearing to Captain Timothy Hunter Transcription

Captain Hunter

The great Burnside Expedition is in the Pamlico Sound Dune. They were seen by Com O'Lynch and he went into Raleigh were run nearly up to the marshes on Sunday night. How soon we may be attack no one knows. Be look for it every hour and if conquered, good bye E City. In such an event I must look to give my wife some advice. She is young and no soul to depend on and from your universal kindness I'm full sure you will do what you can. I have written her to see you and ask if it would not be better in case she is compelled to leave, for her to employ some trusty man or woman or boat to stay and protect and carry on the business as usual if it be possible. It is a hard matter for me to advise. Unless I could be present at the time. They are the only cause of trouble. For myself I have little though other than as their protection. The servants Aunt Lyckia and Aunt Eliza are trusty if no white persons can be found. Please after your family have some care for mine if necessity requires. It may not be necessary for them to go away or it may be only for a short time. I until all there theys in case we are defeated which I trust in God will never be the care. HE shad try hands not to be, for now is the time. When we are really fighting for home family. My Kindest Regards to your family and part of Wise's force are on nay Hear 410 – would all use here.

Very Respectfully,

Your friend

J.R. Fearing