April [illegible] 1863

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Mrs Mary F Jones

Mrs Dear wife it is with pleasure that I sent my
self to drop you a few lines to let you that I am
still well I hope these few lines will reach you
find you in joins the same like blessing dear Francis
I havant heard from you in some time you had bin
sick thin with the peaver Wm S Norris wrote to uncle
wrote I Mr Norris that he surposed that the [illegible]
was at Rays I am ancious to here I hope if you or the
worst takes thin that he wont hurt your mulch
I looks like that and now disease comes thrown the sett
ment but what you had a potion of ice Francis my
legs has got a boul well but my arm hand got well
yet the docter havant had any thing to put on it
well now he give me some lint ment to put on
it it has bin sore better than two months the sore
is larger than a half a dollar it done pain me much
Francis I havant heard from Wm S S Norris since I wrote
to yours before I am ancious to her from him John is
as [illegible] ever saw him a most he is a [illegible] a long
[illegible] a well uncle that has had the intimiten peaver
he is wide sick yet he is better than he has bin
the worst of the connection is well that is her [illegible]
[illegible] this evening [illegible] is the [illegible] that has [illegible]
[illegible] is my [illegible] to you my [illegible]

April the 15 dear wife I will send you a few more lines
to finish my letter I have any news that will interest
you much only to let you now that I am well I now
that is good news to you fancy uncle mat was very bad
up last knight but he is a wap this morning the socle
bled him last knight James Smith has got a very bad
jaw it has wris dapt hudgins paid come yet we have
two months wages that is $22 dollars I will ceap it a while
without you needed it you do just send me word & I will
send it to you Francis my loving companion this wring I send
to you for you to keep in remembrance of me if I
never should see fancy I got a letter this morning from
sister S E Tilpen tha was all well the a porte her is that
tha are a coming from Mobile & Vixburg to Sullahoma to
reinforce our men it is thought that tha will fight a power
battle her sown tha are something up some way or other
I judge by the movements of the big officers we have orders
to give up all the tents but six fuse to the hundred
men then we will have to take all sorts of weather tha have
bin severe of our prisoners that was taken at murfrea borrow pa
roled on come back tha say that the yanks sis tha can't
us bad tha intend to starve us out tha had plenty of
I will come to a close by requesting you to write soon you by
wrong is the wring that has now and I will my love to you
my friend Excuse bad written and spelling your husband for
ever Wm R Jones to Mary F Jones & Jimmy Jones [illegible]