

Lansville Feb 5 1863

Dear Mother, Brothers and Sisters
I Received your letter in 12
days after it was wrote I was
very sorry to hear about the
Death of Dear father but death
is a thing we cant get clear
of and I hope we all prepared
for it. In Regard to this war
you have mention in your
letter I know it is a terrible
thing. But the cause of this
War is Slavery the Southern
States holds Slaves and the
Northern dont and the North
wants to free them. But the
Southern part want to
extend there territories to
have more and want to
be a nation by themselves and
the north wont agree to it

and both side are very ~~strong~~ strong
The North has about 100000 men
in the field and a large Navy
beside and great many
of their Iron Clad that is
vessels a shot wont hurt
Our losses is large on both
side but great many of
them has died by sickness
But the English People seems
to be on the South side
and they help them all they
can all kind of implement
of war but the North has
take great many prizes
of all kind but there is
one call the Alabama a
Privateer has been fitted out
by some of the English
government but if that is
the case the English has to pay
for all damage she has done

She is Steamed of aboute
1000 tons but we the North
will have her before long
But we dont see much of the
war in the North hear yet
all business is good. But the
Cotton Cloth is very high Cloth
yard $\frac{1}{4}$ wide 30 per yard when
it use to be 8 cent. per yard and
I should ^{wish} to know what is it
worth with you or how
much has it rise in one year
I hope you dont think of any
very nigh this war ~~this~~
The disdance between hear ^{also}
nighest fighting Eight Hundred
800 miles. But at the South
the people is suffering very
hard hard but the North they
havent accomplish much yet
But I think they will put this
Rebellion down million men

Mr Joseph Jones of Swansea
near amenech anglysea north wales
England

Its to do something, But
I hope they will be Peace
made by compromise before
long if we dont feel this war
there is great money does
I think the men is going to
be scarce this spring coming.
I had charge of a Schooner call
the Avon last summer I had
8 men with ^{me} and a Boy
10 in all But the men was
plenty last summer I have four
men shuped already we will
start in May I started
12 of my last summer and
I done till now I have got charge
of another one this winter call
the E. B. Childer this ent But
50 tons Burdon and the Avon
85 tons Burdon I am getting along
very well thank R god