

Proton July 13<sup>th</sup> / 61

Dear Absent Son

We are this morn<sup>ing</sup> feeling quite well from the fact that we have the Privilege of reading your letter, dated the 3<sup>th</sup> instant, we had almost given up hearing from you as we had heard nothing from you since you left the island, the boys have been near to sea if we had heard from you all feeling very anxious to know your where abouts, the letter is passing round among your friends the neighbours are all Enquiring have you heard from Doctor, do let us hear from you often & by all means if anything should be the matter of you, Report was rec<sup>d</sup> that Cap<sup>t</sup> Rowe was killed last Saturday, (we are) (the war —

Feet  
 When he came  
 home brought  
 about 20  
 -likens &  
 we were in  
 hopes you  
 had sent us  
 yours we were  
 like to get it  
 in your way =  
 if you send  
 one if you  
 - Can't you  
 mother as  
 she wants  
 one very much  
 I your daughter  
 ally your  
 friends

news is very alarming, men are  
 falling every day as report says  
 & we all feel a afraid to hear  
 yet we want to hear every day,  
 from you for fear all will not  
 be side, do be careful & not run  
 to many risks you are far from  
 home & friends, & near I suppose  
 hostile foes, but my dear son you  
 have a friend I hope that is always  
 with you, & who has said he will  
 be with all who ask, I want  
 if any thing happens to you  
 that you should have some  
 of your friends in the army  
 let us know the fact as soon  
 as possible, we live in fear to hear  
 expecting to hear you are sick or  
 dead, we are all well & our  
 crops look & admirably well

times are very hard no money  
 to be had, no market for any  
 stock of any kind, I offered  
 \$5,00 for fifty till the first of Oct  
 I don't know wheather I shall be  
 able to get it or not, I have to get  
 it for Williams, Beach is letting  
 money at the rate 12 per ct, if you  
 have drawn any money I will  
 spare it I would for that amt,  
 \$50,00 give you the same, no site  
 often, the male paper hear Everyday  
 North Mondays South Tuesdays.  
 yours dated 3<sup>rd</sup> was recd Friday  
 the 12<sup>th</sup> A. H. V. will get to day all  
 hear at home have seen it Celein  
 -day was home, I heard it read  
 if I could see you one hour  
 we could visit fast, but we  
 all fear we never shall see you  
 again, Doctor can that be so,

Must it be so, God forbid, that  
 we never meet here on Earth again  
 but permit us is the Pray of you  
 dear Parents, again the privilege  
 of another meeting here on Earth  
 but if it is not ours to meet  
 on Earth together may we live faithful  
 to grace already given that we  
 may meet in heaven, where  
 there is no war, to sever friend  
 & no foes to face, no, nor, no,  
 sorrow, nor mourning, for absent  
 Phil, we want toful resign  
 the dealing of god, with us, but it  
 seems hard now in the decline  
 of life that we must mourn & we  
 for a loved one gone, may the god  
 god turn & our turn till all be  
 made right & we be again united  
 in happy Family Circle, from your  
 Father & Friend                      J. B. Yarbelle